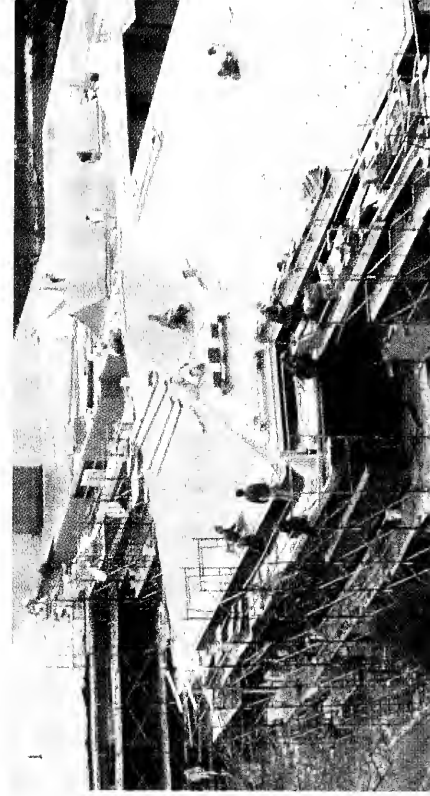




# *The Changing Faces of Goffstown*

## 1996 ANNUAL REPORT



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Sue Desruisseaux  
*Editor*

## ABOUT THE COVER

*“The Changing Faces of Goffstown” include Henry Bridge, Public Library, Upper Elementary, and the new Science Center at St. Anselm College.*

# DEDICATION

This 1996 Goffstown Town Report is dedicated to

*Richard E. Fletcher*



Richard Fletcher joined the Goffstown Fire Department as a volunteer firefighter in November 1958 after serving in the United States Air Force. After seventeen years as volunteer firefighter and Captain, he was appointed Fire Chief in September 1975. After twenty one years of full time fire fighting service, he retired as Fire Chief on January 31, 1997.

The citizens of Goffstown thank him for his thirty eight years of dedicated service in protecting the lives and property of Goffstownians. He has improved the quality of fire service by upgrading fire apparatus, and continually recruiting and maintaining a highly skilled and trained fire fighting force. He oversaw the creation of the Goffstown Emergency Medical Association (GEMSA) and the beginning of ambulance service to the residents of Goffstown.

Thank you Chief Fletcher for your dedication and service.

# IN MEMORIAM



**GEORGE T. AIMO**

*1904 – 1996*

Town Clerk & Tax Collector  
1973 – 1981

Conservation Commission  
1970 – 1978



**E. BRUCE BYNUM**

*1928 – 1996*

Selectman 1980 – 1983  
Historic District Commission  
1985 – 1988

Charter Commission 1990  
Town Government Review 1989



**HERBERT S. SLATTUM**

*1923 – 1996*

Commissioner of  
Goffstown Water Precinct  
1988 – 1990 and 1995 – 1996  
Master Plan Update Committee  
1986 – 1987



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**JOHN E. WEBSTER**

*1903 – 1996*

Goffstown Businessman  
and Supporter of the  
Goffstown Call Firefighters.

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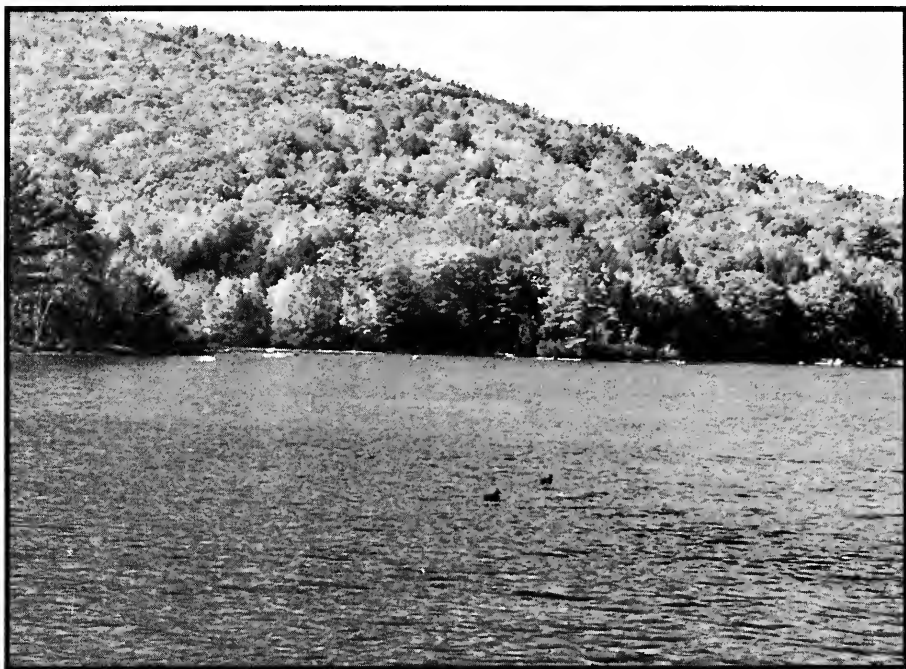
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# INFORMATION ABOUT OUR TOWN



**D**uring King Phillip's War in 1734 Goffstown and West Manchester were designated as Narragansett No. 4, and used as shelter for officers and soldiers. The Town of Goffstown, incorporated 1761, is named for Colonel John Goffe, an early settler, soldier, and civic leader. Goffstown was originally a farming community. As the town was settled during the 1760's, the timber that was cleared was used in building ships. The wood was drawn by oxen to the village of Piscataquog and from there it was floated by raft to Newburyport, Massachusetts. The oxen route became known as Mast Road, now the main road through Goffstown.

Goffstown is located at 43N and 71, 36'W in Hillsborough County nine miles west of Manchester on NH Route 114; north of Bedford on Route 114; east of New Boston on Route 13; south of Weare on Route 114. It is 16 miles to Concord, state capital of New Hampshire.

The Town has a population of approximately 15,500 (Planning Department and U.S. Census) and occupies approximately 36.9 square miles. Town Hall elevation is 306 feet above sea level, and the top of Mt. Uncanoonuc is 1321 feet above sea level.

**GOVERNMENT:** Goffstown is governed by a Board of five Selectmen. Legislative policy, including passage of the Town Budget, is determined by the annual Town Meeting. The Town provides a full array of governmental services, library and recreational services. Town elections were the second Tuesday of March, followed by the Annual Town Meeting, and the Annual Goffstown School District Meeting. At the 1996 Annual

Meeting the residents passed RSA40:13 changing the traditional town and school meetings to ballot determination meetings followed by an official ballot on the second Tuesday of April.

The Town Hall is located at 16 Main Street. Town office hours are 8:30 am to 4:30 pm on Monday, Tuesday, and Friday; 8:30 am to noon on Wednesday; and 8:30 am to 6:00 pm on Thursday.

**TOWN CLERK:** Voter registration is with the Supervisors of the Checklist or Town Clerk. To register to vote, one must be 18 years of age, a U.S. citizen and resident of Goffstown. New voter registrations for local elections are accepted 10 days prior to elections. Voter registrations for State and National elections are accepted at the polls on election day. Absentee ballots are available to qualified voters for Town and State primaries and general elections.

Dog licenses, which expire on April 30 of each year, are available at the Town Clerk's office. A dog must be licensed at three months of age; rabies certificate required. Fees are \$6.50 for neutered animals; \$9.00 if unaltered. A penalty of \$1.00 per month is assessed as of June 1 for unlicensed dogs.

Automobile registration is initiated at the office of the Town Clerk. Registration is due and renewable in the birth month of the resident owner. Reregistration decals are available from the Town Clerk for an additional fee of \$2.50. A mail-in auto reregistration program began in November 1995.

Decals to use the Transfer Station are available from the Town Clerk.

**PROPERTY TAXES:** Goffstown collects property taxes semi-annually; payments are due at the Tax Collector's Office July 1 and December 1. Property is assessed as of April 1. The tax rate for 1996 was \$27.20 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation.

**ZONING:** A Town Zoning Ordinance controls land uses in Commercial, Industrial, Residential Small Business Office District (RSBOD), Residential, Agricultural, Flood Plain and Conservancy Open Space Zones.

**POLICE:** The Goffstown Police Department is located on Route 114 across from the State Prison for Women and adjacent to the Hillsborough County Nursing Home.

**PUBLIC WORKS:** The Public Works Department is located at the west end of Depot Street in Goffstown Village. Curbside solid waste and recycling pickups are once a week. The Transfer Station for solid wastes and recyclables is located at 404 Elm Street, and is open to the public Tuesday through Saturday from 7:30 am to 3:00 pm.

**LIBRARY:** The Goffstown Public Library is located on Route 114, between High Street and Elm Street and is open from 10 am to 8 pm on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday; 10 am to 6 pm on Thursday; 10 am to 5 pm on Friday; and 10 am to 3 pm on Saturday. During the winter months of January, February, March and April, the Library is open Sundays from noon to 2 pm, with volunteers performing staffing duties. The Library

operates an Outreach Center in Pinardville at the Goffstown Square. The Outreach Center is open Wednesdays from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm; Thursdays and Fridays from 1:00 pm to 8:00 pm; Saturdays from 9:00 am to noon.

**PARKS & RECREATION DEPT.:** The Parks and Recreation Department, with an office on Mast Road provides two supervised playgrounds with excellent programs, two public swimming pools, seven public tennis courts, athletic fields, a running track, and an outdoor ice skating area, with supervised year-round programs for youth and adults.

**SCHOOL DISTRICT:** The Goffstown School District is governed by an elected nine-member School Board; its budget is determined by the Annual School District Meeting. School Department offices are located in the White Building at the end of School Street in Goffstown Village. The Superintendent of Schools serves the school districts of Goffstown, Dunbarton and New Boston. In Goffstown, the public schools consist of two elementary schools, grades 1 - 3, Maple Avenue School in the Village and Bartlett School in Pinardville; one middle school, grades 4 - 8, Mountain View Middle School, 41 Lauren Lane in Grasmere; and one high school, grades 9 - 12, Goffstown Area High School, 27 Wallace Road in the Village, which accepts Dunbarton and New Boston tuition students.

### MONTHLY MEETINGS

**Board of Selectmen** meetings are every Monday, except on holidays. The first Monday of the month is a day meeting which usually begins at 9:00 am and the evening meetings begin at 6:00 pm. Meeting dates and agendas are posted at the Town Hall, Library, Grasmere General Store, and Pinardville Fire Station.

**School Board** meetings are held the first and third Monday at 7:00 pm, except on holidays, usually at the SAU Office building on School Street, but may be at one of the district's schools. Board and sub-committee meetings and hearings are posted at Town Hall, Bartlett School, Grasmere General Store, and the SAU Office building.

**Zoning Board of Adjustment** meetings are at 7:00 pm on the first Tuesday at Town Hall, with additional meetings as needed. **Sewer Commission** meetings are 6:30 pm on the second Tuesday at Town Hall. **Historic District Commission** meets the first Wednesday at 7:30 pm generally at the Grange Hall in Grasmere and sometimes at Town Hall. **Conservation Commission** meets the first Wednesday at 7:00 pm at Town Hall. **Economic Development Council** meets the second Tuesday at 4:00 pm at Town Hall. **Library Trustees** meet the third Wednesday at 7:00 pm at the Public Library. **Parks and Recreation Commission** meets the third Wednesday at 7:00 pm at the Parks and Recreation Office Building on So. Mast Road. **Planning Board** meetings are at 7:00 pm on the second and fourth Thursdays at Town Hall. **Budget Committee** and **Capital Improvement Program Committee** meet at Town Hall as activity requires and other schedules permit. **Goffstown Cable Television Community Access Committee** meets every second Tuesday at 7:00 pm in the GTV40 Studio at Goffstown Area High School. **Master Plan Update Committee** meets the first and third Thursday at 7:00 pm at Town Hall.



# PEOPLE SERVING GOFFSTOWN

## Governor

Stephen Merrill

## United States Senators

Judd Gregg

Robert C. Smith

## Representatives in Congress

William H. Zeliff

## Executive Councilor

Bernard A. Streeter, Jr.

## State Senator

Richard Danaïs

## Representatives to

## General Court

Lawrence A. Emerton, Sr.

Bruce F. Hunter

Karen K. McRae

Peter Showerman

Robert L. Wheeler

## Board of Selectmen

Henry C. Boyle, *Chair* 1998

John S. Davis, *Vice Chair* 1997

Philip A. D'Avanza 1999

Barbara J. Griffin 1998

Robert L. Wheeler 1997

## Town Moderator

Rodney L. Stark 1998

## Town Clerk

Marlene Gamans 1999

## Town Treasurer

Jean Mayberry 1999

## Administrative Officers

John Scruton,

*Town Administrator*

Gini Barss, *Finance Director*

Stephen R. Monier, *Police Chief*

Richard Fletcher, *Fire Chief and*

*Forest Fire Warden*

Donald Hambidge, *Director of*

*Public Works*

David L. French, *Recreation Dir.*

Janet Bartels, *Library Director*

Sue Desruisseaux,

*Support Services/Welfare*

*Administrator*

André Garron, *Planning &*

*Economic Development*

*Coordinator*

Ron Mace, *Assessor*

Edmond Neveu,

*Building Inspector, Zoning &*

*Health Official*

Cheryl S. Renaud, *Tax Collector*

Kerry P. Steckowych, *Prosecutor*

Raymond Cloutier,

*Town Counselor*

## ADA Compliance Committee

Jack Fletcher, *Chairman*

Robert Francoeur

Jean Mayberry

John Scruton/Sue Desruisseaux

*Vacant – School Board Rep.*

*Vacant – Secretary*

## Budget Committee

Peter Georgantas, *Chair* 1998

Jon Barton 1999

Robert Draper 1999

David Enos 1997

Katherine R. Fallon 1999

Peter Henk 1999

Thomas Kiander 1998

Preston Lawrance, Jr. 1998

Susan Phillips 1997

Janet Soderquist 1997

Bill Tucker 1998

John Turner 1997

Timothy Hanson,

*School Board Rep.*

John S. Davis, *Alt. Sel. Rep.*

Karl MacGibbon,

*Grasmere Village Precinct Rep.*

Robert L. Wheeler, *Sel. Rep.*

Herbert S. Slattum

*Goffstown Village Precinct*

*Rep.*

**Building Board of Appeals**

Arthur Rose, Sr. <i>Chair</i>	1999
Norman Chauvette	1999
Daniel Dugrenier	1999
Darron Pierson	1998
David White	1997
Paul Lebrun, <i>Alternate</i>	1999

**Cable TV Community Access Committee**

James Pingree, <i>Chair</i>	1998
David Chabot	1997
Donald Gagnon	1999
Richard Gamache	1999
Tamblyn Fuller Gosling	1998
Doug Gove	1997
Howard Sobolov, <i>Treas.</i>	1997
Susan Desruisseaux, <i>Gov't. Adv.</i>	
Roger Richard, <i>PEG Coordinator</i>	
Les Rosenthal, <i>Educ. Advisor</i>	

**Cemetery Trustees**

Timothy Kenney, <i>Chair</i>	1998
Michael Massey, <i>Vice-Chr.</i>	1999
Paul Welch	1997

**C.I.P. Committee**

Frederick R. Plett, <i>Chair</i>	
John Davis, <i>Sel. Rep.</i>	
Paula Baker, <i>Community Rep.</i>	
Suzanne Tremblay, <i>School Board Rep.</i>	
Jon Barton, <i>Budget Comm. Rep.</i>	
Pat Tucker, <i>Community Rep.</i>	
Gini Barss, <i>Advisor</i>	
André Garron, <i>Advisor</i>	

**Conservation Commission**

Jane Raymond, <i>Chair</i>	1999
Collis Adams	1999
Vivian T. Blondeau, <i>Sec.</i>	1998
David Burl	1998
Karen McRae	1997
Evelyn Miller	1999
Susan Tucker	1997
Charles Freiburger, <i>Alt.</i>	1999
Kevin Naughton, <i>Alt.</i>	1999
Susan T. Swenson, <i>Alt.</i>	1998
Jean Walker, <i>Alt.</i>	1999
Henry C. Boyle, <i>Sel. Rep.</i>	1997

**Economic Development Council  
(formerly Industrial Council)**

Greg Landroche, <i>Chair</i>	1997
Michael Massey, <i>Vice-Chair</i>	1997
Marie Boyle, <i>Sec.</i>	1997
Stephen R. Crean	1997
Henry Grady	1997
Lynn Marie Hummel	1997
William Jabjiniak	1997
Arthur Rose, Sr.	1997
John S. Davis, <i>Sel. Rep.</i>	
Robert Wheeler, <i>Sel. Rep.</i>	
Barbara J. Griffin, <i>Alt. Sel. Rep.</i>	
Andre Garron, <i>Town Administrator's Rep.</i>	
Gossett McRae, <i>Planning Board Chair</i>	

**Goffstown Village Precinct**

Allen D. Gamans, <i>Chair</i>	2000
Henry L. Burnham	1997
Henry C. Boyle	1998
Raymond Taber	
<i>Vacant</i>	

**Grasmere Village Precinct**

Arthur Rose, Jr., <i>Chair</i>	1997
William Swanson	1999
Theodore Rohr	1998

**Highway Safety Committee  
(formerly Signs & Lights Comm.)**

Philip A. D'Avanza, <i>Sel. Rep.</i>	
André Garron, <i>Planning &amp; Economic Dev. Coordinator</i>	
Donald Hambidge, <i>DPW Dir.</i>	
Stephen R. Monier, <i>Police Chief</i>	
Gerard Nadeau, <i>Community Rep.</i>	

**Historic District Commission**

Sally Healy, <i>Chair</i>	1997
Brenda Henk	1997
Marie Boyle	1998
Doug Gove	1998
Eleanor Porritt	1997
Robert Gagnon, <i>Alternate</i>	1998
Barbara Mace, <i>Alt., Sec.</i>	1998

### **Historic District Comm. (cont.)**

Alice Rohr, *Alternate* 1997  
Annie Vincent, *Alternate* 1998  
David White, *Alternate* 1999  
Philip A. D'Avanza, *Sel. Rep.*  
*Vacant*

### **Joint Loss Safety Management Committee**

Jess Koch, *Chr., Fire Union Rep.*  
Susan Desruisseaux,  
*Non-Union/Non-Mgmt. Rep.*  
John Hadley,  
*Public Works Union Rep.*  
Donald Hambidge,  
*Public Works Mgmt. Rep.*  
Christopher Krajenka,  
*Police Union Rep.*  
Capt. Paul Nault,  
*Fire Mgmt. Rep.*  
Donald Pare, *Call Fire Rep.*  
John Scruton,  
*Town Hall Mgmt. Rep.*  
Sgt. John Tuthill,  
*Police Mgmt. Rep.*  
Henry C. Boyle, *Sel. Rep.*  
Philip A. D'Avanza, *Alt. Sel. Rep.*

### **Library Trustees**

Carolyn Benthien, *Chair* 1998  
Ricci J. Allard 1999  
Cathleen Ball 1999  
Charles C. Cornello 1997  
Barbara J. Griffin 1997  
Albert E. Packard 1998  
Barbara J. Griffin, *Sel. Rep.*  
*Vacant*

### **Master Plan Update Committee**

Robert Wheeler, *Chair*  
Marie Boyle, *Secretary*  
Gerald E. Aubin  
JoAnn D'Avanza  
Robert L. Dunn  
Henry Grady  
Julie Grandgeorge  
Barbara J. Griffin  
Gossett McRae  
Milton Meyers  
Claire Rouillard

Roger Courtemanche,  
*School Board Rep.*  
André Garron, *Advisor*

### **Paper Roads Committee**

Howard Leonard, *Chair*  
JoAnn D'Avanza  
Armand Demers  
George Hebert  
Jane Raymond  
David Burl, *Alternate*  
Susan Tucker, *Alternate*  
Sue Desruisseaux, *Sel. Rep.*

### **Parks & Recreation Comm.**

Susan Tucker, *Chair* 1999  
Paul Smith, *Vice Chair* 1998  
Lionel G. Cullerot 1997  
Donald Dandurand 1998  
J. Claude LaRoche 1999  
Bruce Rand 1998  
Michael J. Ryan 1999  
Henry C. Boyle, *Sel. Rep.*

### **Piscataquog River**

#### **Local Advisory Committee**

Vivian T. Blondeau 1997  
Charles Frieburger 1998  
Alfred P. Bertagnoll (Dr.) 1999

### **Planning Board**

Gossett McRae, *Chair* 1998  
James Raymond, *Vice Chr* 1997  
Milton Meyers, *Sec.* 1997  
JoAnn D'Avanza 1997  
Camille Gamache 1999  
Richard Georgantas 1997  
Collis Adams, *Alternate* 1999  
Cheryl A. Casasanta, *Alt.* 1999  
Claire Rouillard, *Alternate* 1998  
Henry C. Boyle, *Sel. Rep.*  
John S. Davis, *Sel. Rep.*  
Robert Wheeler, *Alt. Sel. Rep.*

### **School Board**

Suzanne Tremblay, *Chair* 1998  
Roger D. Courtemanche,  
*Vice Chair* 1997  
Randall Benthien 1999  
Sarah Bruno, *Student Member*  
Timothy J. Hanson 1997

### **School Board Continued**

Pamela V. Manney	1999
Virginia McKinnon	1997
William D. Totherow	1999
Michael York	1997
<i>Vacant</i>	

### **School District Officers**

Lawrence A. Emerton, Sr.	1997
<i>Moderator</i>	
JoAnn D'Avanza, <i>Clerk</i>	1997
Helen Skoglund, <i>Treas.</i>	1997

### **School District Administration**

Eugene W. Ross, Ph.D., <i>Interim Superintendent of Schools</i>	
Charles A. Gaides, <i>Asst. Superintendent</i>	
Carolann Wais, <i>Asst. Superintendent</i>	
Roger Descheneau, <i>Business Manager</i>	

#### ***Bartlett Elementary School***

Cynthia A. Murrell, *Principal*

#### ***Goffstown Area High School***

Chris Mosca, *Principal*

Judith Evans, *Asst. Principal*

James Fullam, *Asst. Principal*

#### ***Maple Ave. Elementary***

Marc A. Boyd, *Principal*

#### ***Mountain View Middle***

Rose L. Colby, *Principal*

James I. Doig, *Asst. Principal*

Michael A. Henderson,

*Asst. Principal*

### **Sewer Commission**

Stephen R. Crean, <i>Chair</i>	1999
James A. Bouchard	1997
Paul E. LaPerle	1997
John S. Davis, <i>Sel. Rep.</i>	

### **Solid Waste Commission**

Gordon Bartels, <i>Chair</i>	1997
Joan Stevens, <i>Vice-Chair</i>	1997
Kilton Barnard	1998
Craig Hieber	1999
Paul LaPerle	1997
Barbara Perkins	1998

Jay Pitocchelli	1997
Barbara J. Griffin, <i>Sel. Rep.</i>	
John S. Davis, <i>Alt. Sel. Rep.</i>	
Michael Hillhouse, <i>Advisor</i>	

### **So. NH Planning Commission**

Milton Meyers	6/30/98
Arthur Rose, Sr.	6/30/96
Robert L. Wheeler	6/30/97
Barbara J. Griffin, <i>Alt.</i>	6/30/97

### **Supervisors of the Checklist**

Helen Skoglund, <i>Chair</i>	1998
Donna A. Bergeron	2002
Donna Kelly	2000

### **Telecommunications Project Oversight Committee**

Roger Courtemanche, <i>Fire</i>	
Chief Richard Fletcher, <i>Fire</i>	
Donald Hambidge, <i>Public Works</i>	
Sgt. William LeFebvre, <i>Police</i>	
Gossett McRae, <i>Planning Board</i>	
Chief Steve Monier, <i>Police</i>	
John Scruton, <i>Town Admin.</i>	

### **Trustees of the Trust Funds**

Andrew Szerlog, <i>Chair</i>	1997
Kenneth Dorval	1998
William J. Schubert	1999

### **Wellness Committee**

Edward Hunter, <i>F.D., Chair</i>	
Gini Barss, <i>Finance</i>	
Marsha Ciardullo, <i>Library</i>	
John Hadley, <i>Public Works</i>	
Daniel Jubinville, <i>Police</i>	
Linda Moody, <i>Finance</i>	
Steve Miller, <i>Fire Alt.</i>	
Philip A. D'Avanza, <i>Sel. Rep.</i>	

### **Zoning Board of Adjustment**

Henry Grady, <i>Chair</i>	1997
Ernest Tanguay, <i>Sec.</i>	1998
Cynthia Boisvert	1997
Armand Demers	1999
William Jabjiniak	1998
Paul Lambert	1997
Anthony Marts	1999
Robert Piper	1999
<i>Vacant</i>	



### GOFFSTOWN BOARD OF SELECTMEN

*L-R: Barbara J. Griffin, Vice Chairman John S. Davis,  
Chairman Henry C. Boyle, Robert L. Wheeler, Philip A. D'Avanza*

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT

**T**he Board of Selectmen again achieved their goal of maintaining a level tax rate while providing a good level of service to the community. The Town has the same municipal tax rate for 1996 as was set in 1993, 1994, and 1995. The Board anticipates the same municipal tax rate for 1997, even with the proposed increases in service.

The Board continued major infrastructure work with the reconstruction of Henry Bridge. Goffstown realized significant savings by using Town employees for much of the work. Rare mussels, which were located under the bridge, nearly stopped the work, but through a cooperative effort Dr. Barry Wicklow of St. Anselm College, the Conservation Commission, United States Fish and Wildlife, Piscataquog Watershed Association, New Hampshire Wetlands Board, New Hampshire Fish and Game and the Department of Public Works were able to find an agreeable solution. The mussels were temporarily relocated and have since been returned to their former location in the river. The bridge was completed during the summer, avoiding the problem of detouring school buses.

The Town effectively faced several weather related emergencies. Flooding in the spring and fall resulted in activating the Emergency Operation Center. The Center was activated again during a December snow storm which left much of the town without power. A drill was also successfully conducted simulating a break in the Glen Lake Dam. The new tower and hut for the telecommunications system were constructed on Mount Uncanoonuc.

Despite a number of delays, work on the former Upper Elementary School is progressing well. The elderly housing project, which will be known as The Meetinghouse at Goffstown, should be ready for occupancy in July, 1997.

Students and chaperones, continuing an eleven year tradition, again visited from Kunitachi, Japan, our sister city.

This year saw the submission of a retirement notice from Fire Chief Richard Fletcher. He began as a volunteer firefighter in 1958 and was promoted to the full time Fire Chief in 1975. His dedication and effective leadership of the department set a very high standard for all who follow. After a thorough testing procedure, Deputy Chief Ed Hunter was promoted to be the next Fire Chief. We wish them both well.

While the Selectmen are pleased at the progress made in achieving their goals, they realize more needs to be done to meet the challenges of the future. The Selectmen thank the Department Heads and many other dedicated hard working Town employees who have helped carry out the direction which has been given by the voters.

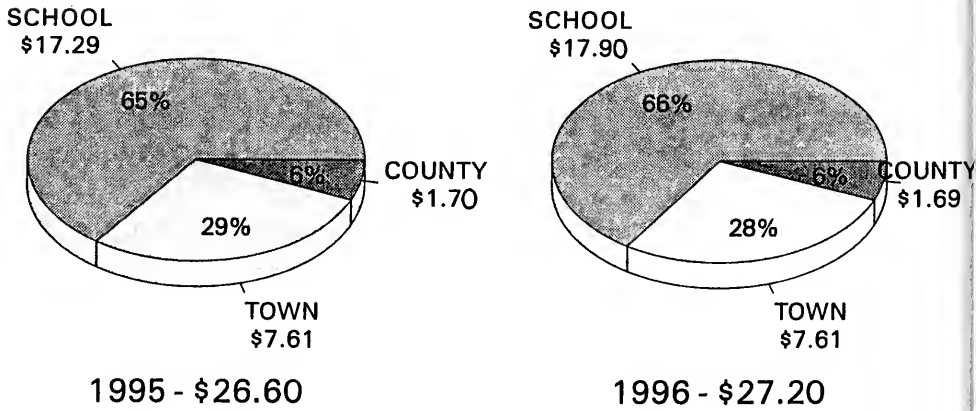
The Selectmen wish to thank the many volunteers for their dedication and willingness to give their time and talents on many committees and boards, which aided in accomplishing our goals and objectives. Finally, we thank the citizens of Goffstown for their support and invite their suggestions for a better tomorrow.

**GOFFSTOWN BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Henry C. Boyle, Chairman  
John S. Davis, Vice Chairman

Philip A. D'Avanza  
Barbara J. Griffin  
Robert L. Wheeler

**GOFFSTOWN TAX RATE**  
**1995 vs. 1996**



# MINUTES 1996 TOWN MEETING

**MARCH 14, 1996**

Moderator Rod Stark called the annual town meeting to order at 7:20 p.m. There were 374 people in attendance. The meeting was broadcast live on GTV-40.

Members Eric Reed and Stephanie Beaulieu of the police explorers' post presented the colors and led the pledge of allegiance.

Moderator introduced those at the head tables: Selectmen D'Avanza, Boyle, Griffin, Davis and Wheeler; Town Administrator John Scruton, Finance Director Gini Barss, "Scribe" Marie Boyle, Town Clerk Marlene Gamans and Assistant Moderator Gossett McRae. He also introduced NH state senator Richard Danaïs who was in the audience.

Selectman Wheeler made a few remarks about the master plan update committee and asked people to join in the process.

Parks & Recreation Director Dave French presented the 8th Annual Clint Robinson/Lionel Cullerot awards. He introduced Sue Tucker, Barbara Robinson and Lionel Cullerot who made the presentations.

This year's nominees were: Dan Lynch, who was nominated for his efforts on behalf of Goffstown Junior Baseball as a coach and as an officer and coach for the parks and rec programs; Bob and Ed Coulombe who have contributed countless hours to Tri-Town Soccer, parks and rec basketball and Goffstown Junior Baseball and this year's recipient of the Robinson/Cullerot award, David Rousseau, a lifelong resident of Goffstown who is a founding father of Tri-Town Soccer, and who has coached both boys and girls basketball programs and has done duty as a referee.

Moderator Stark announced that babysitting services are available this evening and also announced a dramatic reading of Rebecca Rule's original play "Town Meeting". Anyone may audition for a part in the event – call the library for information.

The moderator reviewed the results of Tuesday's voting. He said the passage of Senate Bill 2 (RSA 40:13) in this town ended a chapter in the town's history – the town meeting form of government as we have known it since the first meeting was held in 1750. (Quoted from Hadley's "History of Goffstown" about the first meeting.)

He said he felt there was a little irony in that both meetings involved the construction of a bridge over the Piscataquog River, because in this year's budget we have an item for the replacement of Henry Bridge.

He also referred to a statute that has been on the books for a long time but was only noticed in light of the change concerning the amount of time a voter may take in a voting booth.

He explained that the statutes of New Hampshire give a moderator broad authority in the maintenance of order in town meetings, and went on to explain the rules of the meeting.

Moderator commenced reading of the warrant.

Fred Plett moved to dispense with the reading of the warrant, seconded by Preston Lawrance. Motion passed.

## ARTICLE 1

To choose all town officers, trustees, commissioners and school district officers for the ensuing year.

Selectman Wheeler nominated Michael Massey as cemetery trustee, seconded – there were no other nominees – motion passed.

Moderator expressed that Articles 2 through 14 were voted on at the polls on Tuesday.

## ARTICLE 2

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by petition of the voters of Goffstown:

To see if the Town will vote to amend the zoning district by re-zoning Map 38 Lot 101 from Residential 1 to Residential Small Business and Office District (RSBOD).

This parcel is located at 12 High Street next to the Village Library.

**(Submitted by Petition) (Not recommended by the Planning Board)**

YES – 676

NO – 1069

DEFEATED

## ARTICLE 3

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by petition of the voters of Goffstown:

To see if the Town will vote to amend the zoning district by re-zoning Map 20 Lot 2 from Residential 2 to Residential Small Business and Office District (RSBOD).

This lot is located at 456 Mast Road, near the Rt. 114/Mast Road intersection, in the Pinardville section of Goffstown.

**(Submitted by Petition) (Recommended by the Planning Board)**

YES – 1264

NO – 479

PASSED

## ARTICLE 4

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by petition of the voters of Goffstown:

To see if the Town will vote to amend the zoning district by re-zoning Map 20 Lot 16 from Residential 2 to Residential Small Business and Office District (RSBOD).

This lot is located at 443 Mast Road, near the Rt. 114/Mast Road intersection, in the Pinardville section of Goffstown.

**(Submitted by Petition) (Recommended by the Planning Board)**

YES – 1266

NO – 489

PASSED



## ARTICLE 5

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by petition of the voters of Goffstown:

To see if the Town will vote to amend the zoning district by re-zoning Map 30 Lots 46-1, 46-A and 47 from Residential 1 to Residential Small Business and Office District (RSBOD).

These parcels are located on South Mast Street and are presently occupied by Glen Lake Medical and Professional Building (89 South Mast Street), Sue's Barber Shop and Salon (95 South Mast Street) and a rental house (101 South Mast Street).

**(Submitted by Petition) (Not recommended by the Planning Board)**

YES – 793

NO – 972

DEFEATED

## ARTICLE 6

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 5 as proposed by the Goffstown Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to amend the zoning district by re-zoning Map 15 Lot 60 from Residential 2/Commercial to Commercial.

This parcel is located in the Pinardville section of Goffstown. Mast Road Grain and Building Materials Company is located on this parcel. The rear portion of the parcel is located in the Residential 2 zone and the front portion is in the Commercial zone.

**(Recommended by the Planning Board)**

YES – 1358

NO – 386

PASSED

## ARTICLE 7

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 6 as proposed by the Goffstown Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to amend the zoning district by re-zoning Map 16 Lot 148 from Residential 2 to Residential Small Business and Office District (RSBOD).

This parcel is located at 632 Mast Road in the Pinardville section of Goffstown.

**(Recommended by the Planning Board)**

YES – 1301

NO – 443

PASSED

## ARTICLE 8

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 7 as proposed by the Goffstown Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article III, Section B, by amending the definition of "Family Group Day Care Home" by inserting after "Means an occupied residence" the phrase "on property of at least 20,000 s.f...."

A Family Group Day Care Home provides day care services for up to 7 to 12 children. The intent of this proposal is to provide sufficient area for

a Family Group Day Care Home to operate in the Residential 1 and Residential 2 zones.

**(Recommended by the Planning Board)**

YES – 1354

NO – 375

PASSED

## ARTICLE 9

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 8 as proposed by the Goffstown Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article III, Section B, by replacing the definition of “Frontage” with the following:

“Frontage shall mean the distance along the lot line dividing a lot from either:

- a. A public highway, except limited access highways as defined by RSA 230:44 and Class VI highways; or
- b. A road shown on a subdivision plan approved by the Planning Board pursuant to the subdivision regulations.

The Planning Board proposes to enhance the definition of “frontage” due to the recent amendment to R.S.A. 674:41 regarding access from an unapproved R.O.W.

**(Recommended by the Planning Board)**

YES – 1382

NO – 319

PASSED

## ARTICLE 10

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 9 as proposed by the Goffstown Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article IV, Section F,2, by adding the following and re-numbering the section accordingly:

- “a. No commercial sign shall be erected prior to the issuance of a sign permit by the Building Inspector.”

The purpose of this amendment is to clearly show when a permit is needed to erect a sign in the Town of Goffstown.

**(Recommended by the Planning Board)**

YES – 1381

NO – 372

PASSED

## ARTICLE 11

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 10 as proposed by the Goffstown Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article IV, Section H, subsection 5,c, by adding after “...obtaining a permit for such development from the Building Inspector.” the phrase “and written approval from the Town Engineer.”

The Planning Board proposes to add the requirement that the Town Engineer review and issue written approval of new or expanded parking areas in Goffstown.

**(Recommended by the Planning Board)**

YES – 1292

NO – 435

PASSED

## ARTICLE 12

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 11 as proposed by the Goffstown Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article VI, Section B, subsection 6,i and j, by adding the phrase "for open space developments without individual lot lines within the boundary lot lines of the proposed Open Space Development."

It is the intent of this proposal to create a separate setback standard for open space development proposal without lot lines from open space development with lot lines.

**(Recommended by the Planning Board)**

YES – 1203

NO – 451

PASSED

## ARTICLE 13

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 12 as proposed by the Goffstown Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article VI, Section B, subsection 6, by adding subsection K, and adding the following phrase to subsection K, "Open Space Developments with individual lots within the boundaries of the open space development shall observe the setback requirement of the district they are located in."

It is the intent of this proposal to require the use of existing setback standards for open space developments with lot lines.

**(Recommended by the Planning Board)**

YES – 1296

NO – 360

PASSED

## ARTICLE 14

Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 to allow official ballot voting on all issues before the Town? (by petition)(Requires 3/5ths majority)(Sometimes referred to as "Senate Bill 2")

YES – 1222

NO – 573

PASSED

## ARTICLE 15

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seven hundred thousand dollars and no cents (\$700,000) for the purpose of financing the municipal wastewater line expansion into the area known as Knollcrest, (Ashlar Drive, Ashlar Circle, Knollcrest Road, Bailey Court, Highland Avenue, Pineridge Street) and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$700,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33) as amended and to authorize the selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon, the maturity and the other terms and provisions thereof, as may be in the best interest of the town. It is the intent of the Goffstown Sewer Commission to repay this bond issuance through the sewer user fees and by charging a \$5,000 accessibility fee to each property that will be connecting to this lateral. (2/3 majority required by secret ballot)

Moderator read article – explained that since this is a bonding article, it will require a written ballot and a 2/3 vote to pass. Also said under law the polls will remain open for one hour for this article. Selectman Davis moved the article and it was seconded by Selectman Boyle.

Selectman Davis spoke to the article – explained that sewer commissioner Arthur Rose has resigned from the commission as he has a new job in the Virgin Islands. Gave the history of the commission in town – and said that Knollcrest was identified as a significant problem area for many years.

Resident Patrick Shea said that not everybody in the area is in favor of the sewer installation – the \$5,000 installation fee doesn't pay for everything that's needed.

Sel. Davis said the sewer commission will work with anyone in the area - they will not require someone to hook up immediately. Any problems will be worked out individually.

Ben Hampton – As chairman of the budget committee we reviewed this item in conjunction with the selectmen. The money will have no impact on the tax rate, the accessibility fees and the user fees will pay for the bonds.

Resident Mary Shea – Half the people in the area are retired now and living on social security. When we asked about paying this \$5,000 we were told we would just have to pay \$50 a month. If you're living on \$400 to \$500 a month, you can't afford \$50 a month.

Selectman Davis reiterated that the sewer commission would work with the people.

Mrs. Shea – Some people still can't afford it. You'll find the people dead in their homes because they won't be able to eat.

Asst. Moderator McRae explained the rules for voting – the polls were opened at 7:55 p.m.

(Moderator called the meeting back to order at 8:30 p.m. and explained that the polls will remain open for the bonding issue – but he would continue with the meeting while latecomers were voting).

## ARTICLE 16

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$265,000 for the purpose of constructing an addition to the library, bringing it into compliance with life safety and ADA codes and creating additional space.

Moderator read article, moved by Selectman Griffin, seconded by Sel. Davis.

Sel. Griffin explained the article – said it will bring the library building into compliance with ADA and with life safety codes and also provide much needed space there. She said the library trustees have made a promise to raise funds to help in this venture. Yielded the floor to Brian McLaughlin, chairman of the library trustees.

Mr. McLaughlin gave a history of the library. Explained the land had been donated by the Parker family in 1908. The deed said that it's for the purpose of a public library and no other purpose. It was built in 1909 and

dedicated in 1910. This is a town-owned building and it was recently entered into the National Register of Historic Places.

He yielded to trustee Carolyn Benthien who explained that this is her second fund-raising effort in Goffstown. As of tonight they have \$18,812 and money is still coming in. She said that over 50 businesses in town have contributed, led by the Bank of New Hampshire and First NH Bank who each donated \$250 to kick off the campaign.

Brian McLaughlin summarized – said this will not increase the tax rate.

Fred Plett – I'm a member of the budget committee and representative to CIP, which looks out six years for capital projects so we don't have major changes in the tax rate from year to year. The library has gone through the process – this will have no impact on the tax rate for this year.

Brenda Henk spoke on behalf of the Historic District Commission which also supports this project. Explained that the HDC is working on a grant project whose main aim is to get nominations for the national register of historic places, and the library was recently placed on this register.

Bill Mackenzie said he wanted to point out that it's difficult to find certain books in libraries that belong to the American Library Association having to do with the rich heritage of our country.

A point of order was called – Mr. Mackenzie said he feels it's important for people to know what the library is used for.

Moderator – Are your arguments directed to the substance of the article or the content of libraries?

Mackenzie said we're here to vote on expanding our library. For what? Feels we might rather hold back until we see if our library is in line with the research that says our history is being systematically purged out of libraries that belong to the American Library Association. Said his wife was looking for a good biography on Teddy Roosevelt and couldn't find one. But did find a lot on Michael Jackson . . . .

Tupper Kinder – Point of order . . . . speaker should stick to the article.

Moderator asked Mr. Mackenzie to speak to the compliance of ADA or life safety, etc. and not the content of libraries.

Mr. Mackenzie – As a builder myself I spoke to the governor's office and they said a few years ago that ADA compliance wasn't necessary if you're not making major changes to a building. (He explained how he thought the library could make access easier – feels it was being used as an excuse to make people think it's necessary and feels that's not being up front).

Bruce Hunter, president of the Goffstown Taxpayer's Association said the association endorses this project fully.

Tess Marts spoke in favor as did fire prevention officer Ed Hunter.

Peter Georgantas moved the previous question, seconded by S. Monier.

Moderator called for a vote on the article – article passed by a voice vote.

## ARTICLE 17

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$20,675 to establish a pilot program for youth and family services by contracting with the YMCA Allard Center for 11 months.

Moderator read article – moved by Sel. Davis, seconded by Sel. D'Avanza. Sel. Davis said this is the third year this article has been brought before the meeting. For the first two years there wasn't a job description or guidelines. Explained the position will be housed at the YMCA Allard Center. Selectmen have agreed to an 11-month pilot program. Yielded the floor to Mike Ryan.

Mike Ryan said Mike Norklun of the Allard Center and Sue Desruisseaux, welfare director spent a lot of time working on this – said those who work with children in Goffstown realize that the youth population of today has a lot more to contend with than when he was a kid.

Gave statistics about the youth today – said the crucial time for the kids is from 3 to 6 in the afternoon. Explained the responsibilities and goals of the position – referrals, etc. Trying to prevent kids from getting into trouble and keep them out of the court system. The schools can't handle it – teachers have a hard enough time teaching without having to be counselors and disciplinarians. It isn't the schools' job.

Yielded the floor to Mike Norklun who said the job will be 25 hours a week. He said he has already had candidates express interest in the job. He said the advisory committee of the Y also supports this position.

Ezra Beck – I have been here for 29 years – I just looked in the telephone book and found 109 agencies listed that are doing exactly what this part-time magic person will be doing. In the immortal words of somebody who wrote to the *Goffstown News* recently, "Nobody but Mother Theresa would take this position." I think it's superfluous – we already have 109 agencies doing this. They're trying to get a foot in the door – next year they'll be back for a lot more than \$20,000.

Ed Hinton said he felt that neighbors and families should be doing this – not the government. People should understand that this is a pilot program that will grow. It will come back as another warrant article in the future. Now that we've changed the way our meetings work – look at what articles passed and failed on Tuesday. The only ones that failed were those that were not recommended by the boards. In the future that kind of rubber stamp approach will be guaranteed because people at the polls often go by the officials' recommendations because they examine and study them.

People should get together and deal with their own problems – invite children into their homes. My stepdaughter's friends come to our home – they are not out on the streets getting into trouble. Whether or not this passes, especially if it does pass, look at the people here and think of the one's who couldn't come tonight. If everybody gave 10 or 15 minutes more each week to solve social problems whether in the schools or athletic teams, etc. – it would give a lot more than one part-time position.

Jane Exner spoke in favor of the article – praised Goffstown for its richness in volunteers. If you're a child having a hard time and you don't know where to go, this person might be the very one to help you and send you in the right direction.

Barbara Totherow spoke in favor of the article.

At this point (9:10 p.m.) the moderator closed the polls on the bonding article. Called on the counters to begin the counting process.

Bob Torpey spoke in favor of Article 17.

Bill Mackenzie spoke against the article.

Police Captain Mike French spoke in favor of the article. He has been the town's juvenile officer for 13 years. Said there has been a steady increase in the numbers of young people who have had run-ins with the law. Last year there were over 170 juvenile petitions filed.

John Porter spoke in support – said if government has become a swear word then we're all swear words because we're the government. Three "Mikes" have spoken to the need for this position – government should be responsive to its people's needs. Remember, we are the government!

Randy Benthien spoke in favor of the article. Said he ran a YMCA in Minnesota and feels for the kids who aren't involved in activities and whose parents aren't either. Feels this is a partnership that's ideal for this town.

Les Rosenthal, teacher at GHS spoke in favor of the article.

Dick Gagnon spoke in favor of the article. He said he's one of the many volunteers in Goffstown and everytime he attends a meeting or reads a newspaper about this he gets angry. Said he has a problem with people who praise the town's volunteers and then dump more on them.

Bob Wike moved the question, seconded.

Moderator said there has been a request for a secret ballot.

Voting took place on Article 17 – the article passed 230 to 104.

He announced the results of the balloting on Article 15, Yes – 181, No – 149. Article was defeated since it required 220 to pass. (2/3 majority)

## ARTICLE 18

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the operation, expenses and commitments of the town government the budget approved by the budget committee in the amount of eleven million two hundred sixty-eight thousand, four hundred ninety-one dollars (\$11,268,491). This is inclusive of special warrant articles 15, 16 and 17.

This budget will be predicated by estimated revenues in the amount of five million, eight hundred forty-seven thousand four hundred dollars (\$5,847,400). Enterprise fund and special revenue fund of one million three hundred sixty thousand, eight hundred forty-nine dollars (\$1,360,849) are included in this revenue amount and in the appropriations request of this article.

Moderator read the article – Moved by Sel. Wheeler, seconded by Sel. Davis.

Ben Hampton, budget committee chairman, moved to amend the original article to \$10,568,491 with the revenue figure amended to \$5,147,400. He explained that the original article includes the amounts in articles 15, 16 and 17 and since Article 15 was defeated, the article is being amended down to reflect that – being reduced by \$700,000 on both the expenditure and revenue sides.

P. Georgantas moved the question, seconded by S. Monier – passed.

Vote on amendment to budget passed by voice vote.

B. Hampton – The main article is a budget that was reviewed by the budget committee and subcommittee and at the public hearing. There were many discussions, some of them acrimonious – it wasn't unanimous. There were many considerations raised.

The selectmen have presented a budget that will not have an impact on the tax rate. The budget committee reviewed this and voted on this and passed it. It wasn't unanimous but it was passed by the budget committee.

R. Wheeler – The selectmen wanted to make sure this budget had no tax impact. We'd like you to understand there were a lot of things that could have been put into this budget that were not. Guard rails for example – a safety issue. But we presented a budget that held the line because we thought that was the sense of the community. We hope you find it acceptable – it wasn't a unanimous vote.

R. Wike moved to reduce the budget by \$100,000 – said he wasn't in favor of the ten-wheel dump truck. Seconded by Leo Martel.

R. Wike – The motion is not to attack the highway dept. for their efficiency. I think with this past winter we've had good luck with six-wheelers and wings. I can't see a ten-wheeler in this town – we don't have the roads to turn around. It's fine for the hauling of sand – the only time the state uses ten-wheelers is on the interstates. They want a ten-wheeler this year, one the next. Maybe we can use the money to put up those safety rails.

Sel. Davis – This is a replacement vehicle. We're going from a six-wheeler to a ten-wheeler – will allow us to haul sand and salt quickly. We're at the maximum we can do with our equipment. We'll be able to go further distances and hopefully not have to create another plow route with another truck and another man.

Peter Henk – We had a number of discussions on the budget committee. This issue was brought up to cut \$100,000 for the ten-wheeler. The vote eventually was 8 to 7 in favor – the chair voted to create a tie thus defeating the motion. In their deliberations the selectmen's vote on this truck was 3-2 to keep it in.

Mr. Henk referred to Derry and Londonderry who each have 160 miles of road – they have six 6-wheelers – we have 11. Each town has ten employees in the public works dept. – we have 20. In my opinion we don't have to buy this or any truck until we get more detail from other towns comparable to ours, showing number of trucks, employees, miles of roads, etc.



At the budget committee we asked for numbers and costs – those numbers were not forthcoming. I urge you to vote for this amendment and if there's a counter-motion for the six-wheeler, I urge you to defeat it until the budget committee can get a look at some numbers from other towns.

Mike Ryan – My understanding is we don't have a line-item budget. There's nothing incumbent on the selectmen to not buy that truck – they can take \$100,000 from someplace else in the budget.

Rod Stark – Other than the strong sense of the meeting.

Sel. Wheeler – It's important to understand what's being said here. Mike said the selectmen have no specific requirement to go with any specific line item. That's correct. Rod mentioned a strong sense of the meeting – that's also correct. It gives us a direction. Sometimes half-truths are more damaging than opposite-side remarks.

Londonderry and Derry have fewer trucks and fewer employees and they do more miles than Goffstown, so there must be something wrong in Goffstown. There is – and that's the rest of the story.

Pick up the paper and read about the problems that exist in Derry and Londonderry. See how their taxes are skyrocketing – something's missing – the cost of the contract work.

I can tell you that not only did this truck proposal pass the budget committee but contrary to what was said earlier, there were no unanswered questions. Nobody stood up and said give us this information and the selectmen didn't say no we are not going to give it to you. In fact CIP work was done in the summer and if anyone was interested in it the person in charge of the highway department on the budget committee had months to get it.

I've heard it expressed countless times in this town for years – thank heavens we're back in Goffstown because the roads are kept better than anywhere else. They're plowed better – the frost heaves are better, too.

Our highway department for the past 20 years has enjoyed a reputation for superior work on winter roads. The selectmen got a report from the superintendent of public works. This year the planning board approved a few more miles of new roads. We're getting to the limit of miles we can plow with what we have. His thought was if we had not only a replacement truck, but a bigger truck they could haul sand and salt further and spend less time going back and forth.

Everybody here is an expert in running the highway department for a day or two. It's important to know that these people have to deal with this day in and day out and they have more knowledge than the rest of us.

This passed the selectmen by a majority vote – it passed CIP by a majority vote – it passed the town subcommittee of the budget committee by a majority vote – and it passed the full budget committee by a majority vote. The last vote that was held after the public hearing and there was a motion made to cut the truck. That motion failed by a tie vote.

Evelyn Miller – Londonderry and Derry are flat and I don't think they're comparable to Goffstown, where it's windy and hilly. I don't know why we

need the 10-wheeler, but I assume Don Hambidge has requested it. Can he speak?

Moderator – After I get someone else to speak against the article.

Pete Jenkins – I just heard some things – Bob Wheeler said that the highway does a wonderful job. He's right.

Someone mentioned Londonderry – when I heard about their first bus accident I called on the radio and asked if our highway department was there. They said, yes, we're out here. Thanks to all of you – I think you're doing a hell of a job.

I also want to thank Don Hambidge – he came into town a few years ago and looked at our bridges and said something has to be done. Don's foresight on those bridges was great for this town. I just bought some new buses – a new type. You have to try new things – let's try this.

Bill Tucker – I'm a member of the budget committee – I happened to be on the school side. The votes Mr. Wheeler stated were correct.

The first time I heard about CIP was at the first full meeting of the budget committee. We then had a public hearing. There were several public comments at the hearing that made me think again. After that hearing we had a lengthy discussion on the truck and its need. It may be used during snowstorms and it may be useful for hauling sand. I don't think it will be used the rest of the year.

I have heard that contract labor is unreliable. School buses are contract labor – I think this town needs to look into contract labor. Let's look at this further next year when it's more fully investigated.

From the audience: What will this truck be used for in the summer?

Sel. Davis – It will be used primarily for plowing in the winter, but in the summer will be used for hauling materials for road construction, bridge building, large paving jobs for driveway aprons, drainage projects, sewer lines.

Ray Cloutier – Why can't we have the superintendent tell us about the truck?

Moderator called upon Don Hambidge. Mr. Hambidge is not a town resident, so needs the moderator's permission to speak.

Don Hambidge thanked the moderator for allowing him to speak. He said a little of what everyone said tonight is true. Both Derry and Londonderry have 160 miles of roads, ten employees, ten trucks. Derry contracts out for additional plowing, Londonderry hires additional people. We all do approximately the same mileage because that's the business we're in.

This truck will be used for long routes – Goffstown Back Road, Center Street and Elm Street; Wallace and Shirley Hill Roads; East Dunbarton Road and Black Brook Road. I would use the truck year round.

We lift asphalt up and grind it up and use it for the road base when we're repairing and reclaiming our roads. The ten-wheeler will hold twice as much as the six-wheeler. We can double our production without adding a man. Last year we hauled over 10,000 yards of gravel – not counting asphalt.

Fred Plett spoke in favor of the ten-wheeler. He also said that one thing that hasn't been mentioned – I would hope that anyone with a financial interest who is on the budget committee shouldn't speak out for contracting.

Bill Tucker – Name names!

F. Plett – There are people who work for John Brown – he has an interest.

Peter Henk – I work for John Brown – we do not do any trucking or hauling with ten-wheelers. We are in the utility right of way business.

Preston Lawrance – This was a very difficult issue – I agonized for a period of months. At the public hearing the comments were why not contract out? I figure we should try contracted services – we just voted tonight for contracted services for youth service worker.

He talked about driving in a storm one night and noticing that the state used ten-wheelers only on the interstates.

Point of order was raised – are we talking about the ten-wheeler or contracted services?

Preston Lawrance – If you cut this truck it will save you about 14 cents on your tax rate.

JoAnn D'Avanza – I have been a member of the planning board for four years. I have closely followed this issue with the vehicles of the public works department. This is the first year I have actually voted yes on CIP. That's a planning board thing. The board worked hard and the vote was unanimous to send it on to public hearing.

Peter was present – at public hearing the issue on a ten-wheeler didn't come up at all. The planning board held a public hearing – no comments on the ten-wheeler. The planning board voted on CIP – it passed. After that it went to the town subcommittee of the budget committee – a motion that this be a special article was defeated 5 to 1. Went on to the full budget committee they voted to send it on to the full committee as it was.

On Jan. 30 one person, a contractor in town questioned the ten-wheeler on three issues. Would it be a special article? Is it a new concept? Should its work go to an outside contractor?

He did that at the public hearing on special articles. After that they voted on the full budget. There was a motion made to remove \$100,000. Mr. Wheeler said if you're cutting \$100,000 I hope you're making another motion – will you be replacing this? The answer was no.

I want you to understand if you vote on this you're removing one truck from the fleet. In the last five years the town has approved several new miles of roads or extensions of roads.

The new computer for town hall – generators for the fire department – corridor improvements – were never mentioned to be special articles.

People who say this is a new item – in the 1975 town report, the public works department did own a ten-wheeled dump truck then. I urge you to vote no to this amendment and keep the money in the budget.

The moderator announced that he had a request for a written ballot on this amendment.

Jim Osburn – I understand the ten-wheeler needs and how it can do more than a six-wheeler. But in your town report it isn't just one – it's one this year and two more coming thereafter. You will be spending \$300,000.

Sel. Wheeler – It's one \$100,000. That's all you're voting on this year. It's as everybody has described, an opportunity for us to see if it proves to be as efficient as it's viewed and if you vote in favor it will give us a chance to try it.

T. Kinder raised a point of order – felt moderator was breaking his own rules by letting two people speak in a row on the same side of the argument.

Moderator – I recognized Ossie, he spoke in favor of the amendment.

Sel. Wheeler continued in opposition to the amendment.

Move to end debate, seconded and passed.

Moderator explained that on the written ballot, yes means you don't want the truck and no means you do. (Yes, you approve the amendment to take \$100,000 out of the budget, No, you don't approve.)

The moderator announced the results of the voting on the amendment – Yes, 134; No, 148. The amendment was defeated.

Discussion on the main article – moved the question and seconded it. Passed.

Vote on main article as amended – passed by a voice vote.

## ARTICLE 19

To see if the town will vote to discontinue the undeveloped road named Sawyer Road in its entirety between Greer Road and Mast Road, and deed such property to the abutting parcels. (By petition).

Moderator read the article – Beth Smith moved it and it was seconded.

Mrs. Smith explained that she's a member of the board of the Animal Rescue League – this property is situated where the ARL is, on a triangular piece of land separated by an old road – Sawyer Road – that no longer exists. Would like the town to recognize that the road is not there and deed the property to the abutters.

Peter Georgantas – What size is the right of way?

Selectmen – Two rods wide.

The motion passed by a voice vote.

## ARTICLE 20

To see if the town of Goffstown should be required to make a reasonable effort to deliver to the home of each resident a copy of the annual report prior to the annual town and school meetings. (This has an estimated annual cost of approximately \$10,000, assuming use of volunteer delivery sources.) (By petition)

Article read by the moderator.

Fred Plett spoke to the article – said up until Tuesday night he had many reasons why we should consider this. As of Tuesday we passed SB-2 (RSA40:13) and he now understands that the time frame for the report

has changed so it will not have the budget information that will be useful until we go through the ballot determination meeting.

My reasons have changed until the law has been changed. Move to dismiss this article – seconded – passed by voice vote.

## ARTICLE 21

Are you in favor of maintaining two acute care facilities currently in Manchester, one at Catholic Medical Center on the west side and one at Elliot Hospital on the east side of Manchester, both offering acute, clinical and emergency services for all? (By petition)

Moderator read the article – Mark Colegrove moved, motion seconded.

Colegrove said he has lived in Goffstown for ten years. This is to support a consensus that we need two acute health care and emergency facilities in this area. As Goffstown residents it may be we need more than Manchester, because it's our closest facility.

The previous question was moved – seconded – passed.

The vote on article 21 – passed by voice vote.

## ARTICLE 22

To hear the reports of town officers, auditors and committees and to pass any vote relating thereto.

There being no committee reports, etc., article was dismissed.

## ARTICLE 23

To transact any business that may legally come before said meeting. There was none.

Fred Plett moved to adjourn – seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

The final town meeting of the Town of Goffstown adjourned at 11:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Boyle  
*Scribe*

A True Copy:  
Attest:

Marlene M. Gamans  
*Goffstown Town Clerk*

# ELECTION RESULTS

## For President & Vice President

Vote for not more than ONE	
"BOB" DOLE	2,920
JACK KEMP	
Republican	
"BILL" CLINTON	2,858
AL GORE	
Democrat	
HARRY BROWNE	53
JO JORGENSEN	
Libertarian	
HOWARD PHILLIPS	16
HERBERT W. TITUS	
Taxpayers	
ROSS PEROT	637
PAT CHOATE	
Reform	
NADER	11

## For Governor

Vote for not more than ONE	
OVIDE M. LAMONTAGNE	3,220
Republican	
JEANNE SHAHEEN	3,083
Democrat	
ROBERT KINGSBURY	76
Libertarian	
"FRED" BRAMANTE	105
Independent Reform	

## For US Senator

Vote for not more than ONE	
"BOB" SMITH	3,744
Republican	
"DICK" SWETT	2,453
Democrat	
"KEN" BLEVENS	284
Libertarian	

## For Representative in Congress

Vote for not more than ONE	
JOHN E. SUNUNU	3,503
Republican	
"JOE" KEEFE	2,777
Democrat	
GARY A. FLANDERS	198
Libertarian	

## For Executive Councilor

Vote for not more than ONE:	
BERNARD A. STREETER, JR.	5,483
Republican & Democrat	

## For State Senator

Vote for not more than ONE:	
RICHARD DANAIS	5,350
Republican & Democrat	

## For State Representative

Vote for not more than FIVE:	
"LARRY" EMERTON, SR.	3,572
Republican	
BRUCE F. HUNTER	2,947
Republican	
KAREN K. McRAE	3,106
Republican	
PETER SHOWERMAN	2,497
Republican	
ROBERT L. WHEELER	3,111
Republican	
JOANN D'AVANZA	2,397
Democrat	
SCOTT E. EBOL	1,438
Democrat	
RUTH E. GAGE	2,506
Democrat	
BARBARA J. GRIFFIN	2,283
Democrat	
HELEN M. SKOGLUND	2,194
Democrat	
DANIELLE DONOVAN	844
Libertarian	

## For Sheriff

Vote for not more than ONE	
WALTER A. MORSE	5,533
Republican, Democrat, Libertarian	

## For County Attorney

Vote for not more than ONE	
PETER McDONOUGH	5,535
Democrat & Republican	

## For County Treasurer

Vote for not more than ONE	
CHERYL A. BURNS	3,328
Republican	
CAROL-ANN J. BERNIER	2,432
Democrat	

## For Register of Deeds

Vote for not more than ONE	
JUDITH A. MACDONALD	5,532
Republican & Democrat	

## For Register of Probate

Vote for not more than ONE	
ROBERT R. RIVARD	3,566
Republican	
RICHARD J. D'AMOURS	2,294
Democrat	

## For County Commissioner

Vote for not more than ONE	
EDWARD J. LOBACKI	4,927
Republican & Democrat	
MARK A. TUNIEWICZ	801
Libertarian	

# ELECTION RESULTS

## For Selectman

THREE YEARS	Vote for ONE
PHILIP D'AVANZA	1127
JAMES GARCZYNSKI	90
BRUCE F. HUNTER	582

## For Town Clerk

THREE YEARS	Vote for ONE
MARLENE M. GAMANS	1680

## For Moderator

TWO YEARS	Vote for ONE
RODNEY L. STARK	1589

## For Treasurer

THREE YEARS	Vote for ONE
JEAN C. MAYBERRY	1592

## For Planning Board

THREE YEARS	Vote for TWO
CHERYL A. CASASANTA	891
CAMILLE GAMACHE	1037
LAWRENCE W. JOHNSON	907

## For Library Trustee

THREE YEARS	Vote for THREE
RICCI J. ALLARD	1020
CATHLEEN BALL	1530
LAWRENCE W. JOHNSON	829
H. ROBERT TORPEY	1086

## For Budget Committee

THREE YEARS	Vote for FOUR
ROBERT P. DRAPER	1368
KATHERINE R. FALLON	1221
PETER HENK	1328

## WRITE-IN

JON BARTON	109
GEORGE FULLERTON	59
VIVIAN BLONDEAU	52

## For Sewer Commission

THREE YEARS	Vote for ONE
STEPHEN CREAM	1520

## For Trustee of the Trust Funds

THREE YEARS	Vote for ONE
WILLIAM J. SCHUBERT	1472

## For Supervisor of Checklist

SIX YEARS	Vote for ONE
DONNA A. BERGERON	875
SARA-ANN SARETTE	786

# TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS

During 1996 the State Street Bank and Trust Company of New Hampshire, N.A. continued to provide services as Agents for Trustees of the Trust Funds of the Town of Goffstown per agreement dated April 30, 1992.

We believe our agent at State Street Bank has positioned the current investment portfolio to insure that it will continue to generate a positive yield in the future.

The Report of the Common Trust Fund Investments of the Town of Goffstown, NH that follows, represents only a small portion of the material that is available for your review during the normal hours in the office of the Town Clerk.

Andrew J. Szerlog

Kenneth Dorval

William Schubert

# REPORT OF THE COMMON TRUST FUND INVESTMENTS OF THE TOWN OF COBBSTOWN, NH

12/31/1998

Investments		Principal Accounts				Income Accounts				
No of Shares/ Units	Description	Beginning Balance	Add/ Delete	Purchases	Proceeds From Sales	Gains/ Losses	Balance Year End	Beginning Balance	During Period	Extended Period
<b>Principal Investments</b>										
20,000	Cash/Cash Equivalents	9,701.03	1,947.56	93,631.45	95,619.42		9,660.62	93,787.12	1,403.00	95,180.90
25,000	Bk America 6.875% 6/1/2003	19,956.90					19,956.90	0.00	1,265.00	0.00
20,000	Fond Mtr Co 6.25% 11/8/00	25,059.00					25,059.00	0.00	1,437.50	0.00
30,000	FNMA 6.2% 7/1/00/3	19,987.50					19,987.50	2,275.25	1,140.80	3,416.55
30,000	FHLMC 9.3% 8/15/15	4,975.36			3,186.66	65.56	1,864.26	2,967.77	1,283.95	0.00
20,000	FHLMC 8.5% 12/15/16	9,268.25			9,209.88	(56.37)	0.00	1,584.04	1,833.94	0.00
50,000	FNMA 8.95% 12/2/98	48,170.00			23,659.42	402.86	25,858.80	3,427.84	3,941.08	1,874.46
20,000	MASCO 5.25% 2/15/12	17,000.00					17,000.00	0.00	966.00	0.00
20,000	So Cal Ed 6.125% 7/15/97	20,029.80					20,029.80	0.00	1,127.00	0.00
30,000	UST 7% 4/15/99	30,018.75					30,018.75	0.00	1,932.00	0.00
50,000	UST Note 7.25% 8/31/96	49,809.00			50,000.00	191.00	0.00	3,335.00	6,670.00	0.00
100	AT&T	3,769.72					3,769.72	0.00	121.44	0.00
50	Am General	5,136.75					5,136.75	0.00	230.00	0.00
100	Am Home Prod	7,300.00	5,997.50				7,300.00	0.00	37.72	0.00
100	BankOne Corp PFD Ser C	6,000.00					6,000.00	0.00	322.00	0.00
100	Braet Meyers	6,735.00					6,735.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
100	Dun & Bradstreet	5,335.00			6,388.36	1,053.36	0.00	0.00	276.00	0.00
140	Electronic Data Sys	5,710.00					5,710.00	0.00	327.46	0.00
300	Fond Motor	6,446.25					6,446.25	0.00	77.39	0.00
250	PR Group	7,881.25					7,881.25	0.00	106.26	0.00
75	Gr Lakes Chem	5,332.50					5,332.50	0.00	38.91	0.00
150	Hewlett Packard	6,716.25					6,716.25	0.00	121.44	0.00
150	IBM Corp	13,048.25					13,048.25	0.00	119.60	0.00
100	Ill Tool Works	6,015.00					6,015.00	0.00	96.60	0.00
100	JC Penney	4,860.00					4,860.00	0.00	187.69	0.00
75	Kirnbely Clark	0.00	5,923.13				5,923.13	0.00	31.74	0.00
32	Lucent Technologies	1,465.28					1,465.28	0.00	0.00	0.00
100	MMM	0.00	6,610.00				6,610.00	0.00	45.08	0.00
100	Norfolk Southern	6,385.00					6,385.00	0.00	206.08	0.00
125	Novartis Corp	5,719.13					5,719.13	0.00	0.00	0.00
200	PepsiCo	0.00	6,014.00				6,014.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
300	Pub Svc Ent Gr	8,025.00					8,025.00	0.00	596.16	0.00
125	Realists Digest	5,075.00			4,674.84	(400.16)	0.00	0.00	207.00	0.00
200	Sysco	5,095.00					5,095.00	0.00	95.68	0.00
100	Texaco	6,185.00					6,185.00	0.00	303.60	0.00
100	US Healthcare	4,275.00			5,506.34	1,233.34	0.00	0.00	57.03	0.00
100	US West Communications	2,428.65					2,428.65	0.00	196.88	0.00
25,000	JC Penney 7.315% 6/15/2004	1,631.35		25,443.70	1,777.44	146.09	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
25,000	Melton Bank 6.55% 8/1/2005	24,811.50					24,811.50	0.00	537.76	0.00
25,000	Societe Generale 7.49% 6/1/06	24,837.75					24,837.75	0.00	266.74	0.00
Total Principal		410,363.49	1,947.56	205,046.46	205,046.46	2,737.74	415,048.79	109,219.07	23,604.38	115,080.77
<b>Income Accounts</b>										
Cash/Cash Equivalents		56,860.86			17,661.34		74,053.72	0.00	1,871.57	0.00
20,000	UST Note 7% 4/15/99	20,012.50		34,864.20			20,012.50	0.00	1,400.00	0.00
20,000	FHLMC 9.3% 8/15/15	3,318.26			2,131.11	56.20	1,243.35	0.00	207.81	0.00
20,000	FHLMC 8.5% 12/15/16	9,268.25			9,209.88	(56.37)	0.00	0.00	295.55	0.00
10,000	FNMA 4.75% 10/26/98	9,771.20					9,771.20	0.00	475.00	0.00
10,000	FVA 6.125% 7/1/03	10,000.00					10,000.00	0.00	612.50	0.00
Total Income		109,219.07	0	34,864.20	29,002.33	-0.17	115,080.77	0	4,862.43	0.00
Total Common Trust Fund Investment		519,582.56	1,947.56	239,910.66	234,048.79	2,737.57	530,129.56	109,219.07	28,466.81	115,080.77
Report prepared by State Street Bank and Trust Company of New Hampshire, N.A. for the Trustees of the Town of Goffstown										



# ASSESSOR

## 1996 SUMMARY INVENTORY OF EVALUATION

Land	\$ 252,458,300.
Buildings	409,024,200.
Manufactured Housing	19,966,600.
Gas	895,600.
Electric	26,095,400.
TOTAL	<u>\$ 708,440,100.</u>

## EXEMPTIONS

Blind	\$ 180,000.	
Elderly	1,801,400.	
Full-Vet	370,000.	
School	150,000.	- 2,501,400.
NET TAXABLE VALUE		<u>\$ 705,938,700.</u>

Veterans Exemptions	\$ 117,800.
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# TREASURER

## 1996 SUBJECT TO AUDIT

Cash on Hand – December 31, 1995	\$ 6,966,318
1996 Receipts	<u>\$ 23,029,145</u>

Total Cash	\$ 29,995,463
Disbursements & Adjustments	<u>\$ 22,919,813</u>

Cash on Hand – December 31, 1996	\$ 7,075,650
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Citizens Bank	\$ 6,057,954
N.H. Investment Pool	<u>\$ 1,017,696</u>
	\$ 7,075,650

Jean C. Mayberry, *Treasurer*

# TAX COLLECTOR

FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1996

## - DEBIT -

	LEVIES OF:		
	1996	1995	1994
Uncollected Taxes -			
Beginning of Fiscal Year			
Property Taxes		\$1,278,082	
Land Use Change		8,400	
Yield Taxes		1,020	
Taxes Committed this Year:			
Property Taxes	\$19,083,732		
Land Use Change	36,900		
Yield Taxes	10,840		
Overpayment:			
Property Taxes	33,093	35,021	
Yield Tax			
Interest Collected on Delinquent Tax	13,710	26,050	
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>	<b>\$19,178,275</b>	<b>\$1,348,573</b>	

## - CREDIT -

### Remittance to Treasurer

	1996	1995	1994
Property Taxes	\$17,901,019	\$709,332	
Land Use Change	34,100	5,600	
Yield Taxes	10,311		
Interest	13,710		
Abatements Made:			
Property Taxes	4,235	37,268	
Yield Taxes	529		
Uncollected Taxes -			
End of Fiscal Year			
Property Taxes	1,211,571	592,553	
Land Use Change	2,800	2,800	
Yield Taxes		1,020	
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>\$19,178,275</b>	<b>\$1,348,573</b>	

# TAX COLLECTOR

## SUMMARY OF TAX LIEN ACCOUNTS FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1996

### - DEBIT -

#### ON LEVIES OF:

	1995	1994	1993
Unredeemed Taxes Balance at Beginning of Fiscal Year		\$367,184	\$276,730
Liens Executed during Fiscal Year	\$611,404		
Interest & Cost Collected after Lien Execution	16,218	44,891	77,755
TOTAL DEBITS	\$627,622	\$412,075	\$354,485

### - CREDIT -

#### Remittance to Treasurer

	1995	1994	1993
Redemptions:	\$260,085	\$184,030	\$210,834
Interest/Costs after Lien Execution	16,218	44,891	77,755
Liens Deeded to Municipalities			5,735
Unredeemed Taxes on Liens	351,319	183,154	60,161
TOTAL CREDITS	\$627,622	\$412,075	\$354,485

Submitted subject to audit:

Cheryl S. Renaud

*Tax Collector*

# AUDITOR'S MANAGEMENT LETTER

*Patrick J. Kelly*

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT

713 Chestnut Street

Manchester, New Hampshire 03104

669-6088

October 2, 1996

Board of Selectmen  
Town of Goffstown  
Goffstown, New Hampshire

As part of my examination of the financial statements of the Town of Goffstown, New Hampshire for the year ended December 31, 1995, I made a study and evaluation of the Town's system of internal control to the extent I considered necessary to evaluate the system as required by generally accepted auditing standards. Under these standards, the purpose of such evaluation is to establish a basis for reliance on the system of internal accounting control in determining the nature, timing, and extent of other auditing procedures that are necessary for the expression of an opinion on the financial statements, and to assist me in planning and performing my examination of the financial statements. It should be noted that this letter is intended to criticize only the system of internal accounting control, and is not directed at any individual or group of individuals.

My examination of the financial statements made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, including the study and evaluation of the Town's system of internal accounting controls for the year ended December 31, 1995, would not necessarily disclose all weaknesses in the system because it was based upon selected tests of the accounting records and related data. Accordingly, I do not express an opinion on the Town's system of internal control taken as a whole. However, such study disclosed the following weaknesses, upon which I am presenting my comments and recommendations for your consideration.

## **Community Development Block Grant**

The Town Manager is to be commended for his efforts overseeing the controls and procedures requirements applicable to The Meetinghouse at Goffstown rehabilitation project.

## **Property Tax Liens**

The Town should develop tracking and control procedures for elderly and welfare tax liens. The use of a multipart application and approval document would promote coordination between the tax collector, welfare officer and finance to ensure proper recording and tracking of elderly and welfare liens. The lien application should include a process of ascertaining the market value of lien property as a limiting factor on total liens available to an individual taxpayer.

### **Landfill Closure Costs**

The Town currently has no reserves to fund the closure of the landfill. Since closure action will ultimately be mandated by state and federal agencies, the Town should update it's estimate of closure costs and begin a capital reserve fund to provide for this capital project.

### **Lease Purchases**

Capital equipment leases, as distinguished from operating leases, where ownership passes to the Town for amounts substantially below fair market value or where leased for 90% of the assets useful life should be budgeted as a purchase. The budget should disclose the gross proceeds and expenditure in the year of acquisition. Subsequent lease payments should be budgeted as debt service.

### **Fixed Asset Accounting**

The Town has completed its implementation of a system of accounting for its fixed assets and will be including it's fixed assets in the 1996 report.

### **Property Tax Revenue**

Generally accepted accounting principles require that property taxes not collected within sixty days of year end be reported as deferred income. The Town currently reports income as property taxes are assessed and collectable. The change in accounting policy would result in a deficit in the General Fund Balance when presented in the financial statements, but would have no effect when used by the State to determine the property tax rate.

The objective of internal accounting control is to provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance of the safeguarding of assets against loss from unauthorized use or disposition, and the reliability of financial records for preparing financial statements and maintaining accountability for assets. The concept of reasonable assurance recognizes that the cost of a system of internal accounting control should not exceed the benefits derived and also recognizes that the evaluation of these factors necessarily requires estimates and judgments by management.

There are inherent limitations that should be recognized in considering the potential effectiveness of any system of internal accounting control. In the performance of most control procedures, there may be mistakes of judgment, carelessness, or other personal factors. Control procedures whose effectiveness depends upon segregation of duties can be circumvented by collusion. Similarly, control procedures can be circumvented intentionally by management either with respect to the execution and recording of transactions or with respect to the estimates and judgments required in the preparation of financial statements.

Further, projection of any evaluation of internal accounting control to future periods is subject to the risk that the procedures may become inadequate due to changes in conditions, and the degree of compliance with the procedures may deteriorate.

Very truly yours,  
Patrick Kelly, CPA

# SELECTMEN'S RESPONSE TO AUDITOR

November 18, 1996

Patrick J. Kelly  
713 Chestnut Street  
Manchester, NH 03104

Dear Mr. Kelly:

We appreciate your thorough examination of our records and welcome your opinions for improvements. After receiving your comments and recommendations of our financial statements and internal accounting control systems for fiscal year 1995, we offer the following:

## **Property Tax Liens**

The Town has implemented the use of multi-part forms and a policy to compare total amount lienied to the market value. The Town will continue to develop a better method of tracking and control procedures for elderly and welfare tax liens.

## **Landfill Closure Costs**

The Board of Selectmen have budgeted to start a Capital Reserve Fund for landfill closure costs with an anticipated annual contribution of \$200,000.

## **Lease Purchases**

There are other areas that need consideration beyond the accounting discipline. The Town will structure the warrant articles in accordance with the recommendation from the Department of Revenue Administration to reflect the total of the purchase and the amount to be raised in that year using a nonappropriation clause.

## **Property Tax Revenue**

There is a disagreement between the national group which sets standards for accounting practices and the New Hampshire Department of Revenue on the way to account for unpaid taxes. The Town will continue to use a modified accrual practice as required by the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration.

## **Conclusion**

The Board will continue to be vigilant in its fiduciary responsibilities. The Board of Selectmen will continue to update and implement appropriate changes to insure better accounting principles.

Sincerely,  
GOFFSTOWN BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
Henry Boyle, Chairman  
Barbara J. Griffin  
Philip D'Avanza  
Robert Wheeler  
John Davis



### **TOWN HALL STAFF**

*(L-R, B-F) Andre Garron, Marlene Gamans, John Scruton, Mary Lavallee, Ed Neveu, Ron Mace, Marilyn Hozeny, Muriel Lively, Linda Moody, Felice Dandurand, Julie Houle, Sue Desruisseaux, Maureen McLean, Sharon Jones. Absent: Patty Gale, Marc Tessier, Cheryl Renaud, Gini Barss, and Donna Bergeron.*

## **BUILDING OFFICE**

The Building Office is located on the second floor of Town Hall, 16 Main Street. We are part of the general office which also includes Planning and Assessing Offices. The office is open from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm Monday, Tuesday and Friday, Wednesday from 8:30 am to 12:00 noon and Thursday from 8:30 am to 6:00 pm.

The Building Office is staffed by a Building Inspector who works a 32 hour week and a part time secretary who works 22 hours per week. The Building Inspector is also the Health Officer and the Code Enforcement Officer responsible for Building Code enforcement, health related matters and Zoning Ordinance enforcement.

The Building Codes presently being enforced are One and Two Family CABO 1995 and the BOCA Building Codes 1996.

Inspections are scheduled Monday through Thursday. The Building Inspector is in the office from 8:30 am to 10:00 am to answer questions related to this department.

The Building Office remains self funded from permit fees collected.

Respectfully submitted,

Edmond Neveu

*Building Inspector, Code Enforcement Officer*

# Building Permit Report

## 1994 v 1995 v 1996

1994		1995		1996		TYPE OF PERMIT
No. of Permits	Permit Fees	No. of Permits	Permit Fees	No. of Permits	Permit Fees	
						<b>COMMERCIAL</b>
						<b>NEW BUILDING</b>
*	*	5	\$5,218	2	\$ 919	Building
*	*	5	1,054	2	227	Electrical
*	*	5	1,029	0	0	Plumbing
*	*	5	1,029	1	25	Mechanical
*	*	*	*	1	78	Public Utility
						<b>ALT. &amp; REPAIRS</b>
18	6,389	19	2,791	7	12,542	Building
*	*	15	742	6	2,912	Electrical
*	*	13	667	4	2,791	Plumbing
*	*	4	359	6	2,912	Mechanical
						<b>RESIDENTIAL</b>
						<b>MULTI UNIT</b>
0	0	1	5,866	0	0	Building
						<b>SINGLE FAMILY</b>
64	24,642	40	18,500	40	12,144	Building
						<b>TWO FAMILY</b>
2	1,593	5	2,708	4	2,182	Building
*	*	46	4,902	45	3,766	Electrical
*	*	46	4,844	45	3,722	Plumbing
*	*	46	4,146	45	3,003	Mechanical
						<b>ADDITION/ALT.</b>
63	4,262	60	2,836	58	4,155	Building
30	2,640	30	1,365	26	1,903	Barns, Carports, & Garages
63	2,023	50	1,283	47	2,678	Decks, Porches, & Sheds
*	*	5	175	7	245	Demolition
96	1,840	101	2,261	118	2,826	Misc. Electrical
36	810	25	647	29	809	Misc. Plumbing
118	3,020	78	4,241	87	2,320	Misc. Mechanical
17	473	15	375	16	430	Pools
27	545	44	780	39	1,100	Signs
29	1,067	36	1,555	41	1,728	ZBA Appeal
3	150	1	50	8	295	Child Care Insp.
1	50	0	0	1	50	Assembly Insp.
*	*	37	*	0	0	Health Insp.
*	*	*	*	2	50	Junkyard
*	*	*	*	2	1,858	Temp. Living
*	*	*	*	1	303	Single Fam. Conv.
<b>567</b>	<b>\$49,524</b>	<b>738</b>	<b>\$69,423</b>	<b>690</b>	<b>\$67,973</b>	<b>TOTALS</b>



# PLANNING DEPARTMENT

I felt as though the year 1996 came and went as quickly as the Summer Olympics. As a country, we elected a President for a second term and NH made history in electing its first woman Governor. Only time will tell if these decisions will be beneficial to us as a State and a country.

In 1996 the Planning Board and the Master Plan Update Committee worked on updating its 1987 Master Plan. Sixty Goffstown residents worked on the master plan update. They were asked to give one day a week for six months towards this project, and they did. Some of you participated in the November 7, 1996 Master Plan public hearing or saw it on GTV-40. Some of you wrote letters expressing how impressed you were by the quality and creativity of work produced by your fellow residents. I share that feeling.

In Dec. 1996, the Board of Selectmen and the Master Plan Steering Committee awarded a contract to RKG Associates, Inc., to edit and package the plan for the Town. We hope to have a final document by May 1997.

I congratulate the work groups for all of their time, effort and energy put into the master plan process, especially during the summer months. I feel that there is no better qualified group of people to determine the future of a community than its residents. You all showed by your actions that you care deeply about your community. I think this plan reflects that!

A tremendous amount of work went into updating the 1987 Master Plan, and now the implementation phase begins. 1997 will be a year where the community will be asked to make some tough decisions with regards to the recommendations in the master plan. Some will be easy, some will be controversial and some will be difficult. The master plan will be implemented over time. From year to year, priorities change, people change, times change and needs change. Some of the recommendations in the master plan will be implemented in anticipation of change (i.e. road, bridge, water and sewer improvements) and some of the recommendations will be implemented because the community's needs have changed (i.e. elderly housing, recreation parks, job opportunities).

The major responsibility of a Planning Board is to prepare and implement a master plan. The master plan is implemented in a variety of ways, some of which include: (1) Capital Improvements Program; (2) Zoning Ordinance; (3) Subdivision and Site Plan Regulations; (4) Service Organizations; (5) Residents of Goffstown. The residents of Goffstown are the most important part of the implementation of the master plan. You are the legislative body whose votes put the plan into action. It is hoped this plan will move the Town of Goffstown into the 21st Century successfully.

I thank Rose Colby and her staff for allowing the Master Plan Steering Committee use of the Mt. View Middle School for meetings. I thank my assistant Patty Gale for all the work she does in the Planning Department. We both look forward to making 1997 another successful year.

Respectfully submitted,

André L Garron, *Planning & Economic Development Coordinator*

# PLANNING BOARD



*L-R: JoAnn D'Avanza, Chairman Gossett McRae, Camile Gamache, Richard Georgantas, Claire Rouillard, Collis Adams, Milton Meyers, Planning & Economic Development Coordinator Andre Garron, Cheryl Casasanta. Absent: Sel. Rep. John Davis, James Raymond, Patty Gale, Secretary*

The Planning Board wishes to thank the members of both the Capital Improvements Committee and the Master Plan Update Committee. Without the many hours dedicated by members of these Committees, the Board would not have been able to fulfill its responsibility to complete the long range planning sections of our overall Master Plan.

The Capital Improvements document details the major expenditures anticipated in the next five years. This planning tool, which is advisory by statute, serves as a guide and coordinating reference to the selectmen, school board, budget committee and the voters. Copies are in the Library and are available at the Planning Office in Town Hall.

The Master Plan Update process is conducted approximately every eight to ten years. The Plan for a community like Goffstown aspires to describe the community's attributes, to enumerate desirable and undesirable characteristics, and to identify those factors which will change the community; then to recommend a method to eliminate or mitigate the impact of the undesirable factors. Clearly, a major undertaking!

At the beginning of 1996, many Goffstown residents agreed to join the Master Plan Update Committee and devoted many, many hours of their time and their talents to this important undertaking. The Committee met weekly all year long and members spent much additional time on "home-work" to insure the success of this project. A public workshop and hearing was held; it was televised on GTV-40. Public comment was analyzed and, where appropriate, incorporated into the proposed plan.

The work is now complete and is in the process of being finalized and prepared in conclusive draft form to be accepted by the Planning Board. We anticipate the ultimate completion of this update during the second quarter of 1997.

Also during 1996, the Planning Board held public hearings on a total of 49 applications as can be seen in the following chart. The Board acted on other applications, typically site plans, which resulted in no change of use or increase in intensity of use without requiring a hearing.

Of the hearings conducted, sixteen were "Conceptual" hearings. Prior to this type of hearing no individual notice is given to abutters; however, no action is taken by the Planning Board. This type of hearing is optional and simply allows an applicant to come before the Board with (or without) a set of plans and hear informal comments from Board members. If the applicant wishes to proceed with the plan, modified or unmodified, an application for a site plan or subdivision approval (whichever is appropriate) must be completed.

To apply for a subdivision or site plan approval, one must come into the planning office, complete a form which includes a check list of the required municipal, state and federal permits which may be needed. A Technical Review Committee meeting and assessment is scheduled. This Committee reviews all technical aspects of the proposed plans and permits obtained or applied for, and may require additional permits, studies or modifications to the plans as submitted. After this process is complete, the final application is ready for the Planning Board. A public hearing is scheduled, notices are mailed to each abutter and a notice is published in the newspaper.

In 1996, the Board held 33 formal subdivision or site plan hearings. Many of these applications were for minor subdivisions or site plans and action was completed by the Board immediately after the public hearing. However, a major subdivision or difficult site plan application usually results in continuing the hearing to an additional meeting and, or scheduling multiple public hearings. Sometimes the Board may require additional studies and analysis to be completed; often, the Board members will conduct a site walk to see the area prior to development.

During the application and hearing process, the Board is acting in its capacity as administrator of the existing Goffstown Zoning Ordinance and hence must follow the provisions of that ordinance. However, as you can see, each application is subject to a thorough analysis before action by the Planning Board.

The planning department office is on the upper level at town hall where our capable staff is available daily during normal business hours to assist anyone with questions about zoning in Goffstown. Mr. Andre Garron, Planning & Economic Development Coordinator and Ms. Patty Gale, Secretary to the Planning Board, continue to provide essential guidance and support and we thank them for their efforts.

The Planning Board would like to thank the people of Goffstown for the continued support of the Board and its activities and we welcome interested citizens to attend our meetings which are typically held on the second and the fourth Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Gossett McRae  
*Chairman*

**PUBLIC HEARINGS ON APPLICATIONS REVIEWED  
BY THE PLANNING BOARD**

TYPE OF APPLICATION	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
Site Plan	6	14	10	5	8	11
Subdivision	35	35	20	20	20	22
Conceptual	18	18	17	11	10	16
TOTAL	59	67	47	36	38	49

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

Goffstown's primary source of municipal revenues, like all New Hampshire communities, is generated through the levy of property taxes. Given this fact, economic development within the town is important not only in terms of the number of jobs created, but also in terms of the effect on the value of the property tax base.

With an overall goal of expanding the tax base, the Goffstown Economic Development Council (GEDC) in 1996 continued with the Business Visitation Program (BVP) which was used to measure the advantages and impediments of doing business in Goffstown and the State of New Hampshire. The universal measurement given to the community was "Goffstown was, and is, a good place to conduct business".

As a result of some of the concerns about doing business in the community and State, the GEDC held two breakfast workshops. The first workshop addressed Workers' Compensation Insurance and how business owners can deal with these rising expenses. The second workshop dealt with electric rates as we heard from a representative from Public Service Company of New Hampshire regarding how they are handling this issue.

Also during 1996, GEDC heard a presentation about a regional economic development initiative sponsored by the Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce. This program will work cooperatively with other communities in an overall attempt to expand and retain businesses, which will have a positive impact on Goffstown's economic future. As the year was coming to a close, the GEDC was looking at ways to market the community to businesses located out of State and what would be the best way to get information to them about Goffstown.

Since job creation and expansion is vital to creating a safe, dynamic, attractive and economically vibrant community, GEDC's plan for 1997 includes locating and applying for grants to market Goffstown's distinct characteristics. This includes, but is not limited to, developing an Internet

Web Page as well as an informational brochure to help with the dissemination of economic development data. It will be very important for the GEDC to work with the recently completed Master Plan. With this in mind, the Master Plan accurately states "that every effort must be made to preserve the rural character, diversity, affordability and sense of community that Goffstown is known for!". In most cases, the potential for economic development and expansion is integrally linked with the manner in which we regulate the use of land therefore, business creation or expansion cannot be limited by the lack of suitable sites or locations.

The Goffstown Economic Development Council thanks the residents and business people of Goffstown for their cooperation and extends a generous "thank you" to Andre Garron for his assistance throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bill Jabjiniak  
*Board Member*



*L-R William Jabjiniak, Lynn Marie Hummel, Sel. Rep. John Davis, Henry Grady, Planning and Economic Dev. Coordinator Andre Garron, Marie Boyle, Sel. Robert Wheeler. Absent: Stephen Crean, Vice Chair Michael Massey, Chairman Greg Landroche, Gossett McRae, Arthur Rose, Sr.*

# CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

During the summer, when most people take vacations, your Capital Improvement Committee met weekly to prepare a matrix of anticipated capital expenditures for the years 1997-2002. This forward look at capital expenditures ensures that there are no major swings from year to year that could have large impacts in the tax rate. Capital projects for the town and schools combined are projected to be slightly lower in 1997 compared to 1996. The projected burden of capital expenditures through the year 2000, as a percent of the tax rate, stays within a 14.5% to 16.5% bandwidth. For 2001 and 2002, the percentage falls off, but this probably reflects an inability to project that far into the future with any precision than any real phenomenon.

The Capital Improvement Committee report was presented at a public hearing held on October 10, 1996 at the Goffstown Town Hall. After the public hearing, the Committee voted on the final draft for presentation to the Planning Board.

The Capital Improvement Committee is a creation of the Planning Board and the recommendations made by this Committee are subject to the approval of the Planning Board. This is because the capital expenditure recommendations reflect more than simply a desire to smooth the expenditure levels from year to year. The recommended capital expenditures are to reflect the priorities of the Master Plan, preserve public health, safety and welfare, anticipate the demands of growth, improve coordination and communication, develop a fair distribution of capital expenditures, support economic development, and identify any "scattered and premature" development. This is a long list of objectives, and one that the Capital Improvement Committee undertakes to meet each year. I am proud to state that the Committee, with the support and cooperation of all Department Heads, has produced a thorough analysis and report that received the unanimous support of the Planning Board.

The Capital Improvement Committee recommended to the Planning Board that a capital reserve fund be started specifically earmarked for the closure of the Pinardville landfill. The Committee recommended that this fund set aside \$200,000 per year starting in 1997 until the closure is undertaken. A wide range of estimates of cost for landfill closure was presented to the Committee, the least of which was \$3 million. It seemed reasonable to start setting aside money now for this closure to avoid, or at least to reduce, large bond issues when the landfill closure is undertaken.

The Capital Improvement Committee also recommended that the threshold for CIP requests be raised from \$10,000 to \$20,000. The threshold has been at \$10,000 since the inception of the CIP process in 1986. Although few projects are affected by the recommended increase in the threshold, the recommendation is worthwhile to keep the nature of the CIP matrix truly focused on capital projects.

Fred Plett, *Chairman*

# MASTER PLAN UPDATE COMMITTEE

In last year's Town Report, the Planning Board wrote about the importance of a master plan to the community. It stressed the need to have community participation in the process to avoid having a document created that did not represent the people of the community. The Master Plan Steering Committee elected to move forward with a community based process, a process which would utilize Goffstown's best resource, its citizens. The Steering Committee based its process after the one used by the City of Lebanon, NH.

During last year's Town Meeting, members of the Steering Committee recruited residents of Goffstown to participate in the update of the Master Plan. The process involved dedicating one day a week for six months to this project. Sixty dedicated residents of Goffstown came forward to give their time and energy to the community.

It was motivating to see 60 residents of Goffstown grapple with the issues facing this community, and working actively and creatively towards solutions. It was no easy task.

As some of you may know, the Master Plan Steering Committee held a public hearing on November 7, 1996. It gave the subcommittees a chance to discuss what they had done over the last six months and hear from the public what they thought of some of the ideas and concepts that each group presented. The input we received from that public hearing was very valuable to the Steering Committee and the Chapter groups.

As we work towards wrapping things up, I would like to commend the Master Plan Update Committee for their hard work and dedication to this project over the last six months. It was tremendous to see the residents come together to determine the future of their Town and now the rest of the story.....make it happen.

Sincerely yours,  
Robert Wheeler  
*Chairman*

# CONSERVATION COMMISSION

This has been another hectic year for the Goffstown Conservation Commission. During 1996 the Commission added two new alternate board members, Jean Walker and Kevin Naughton.



*L-R: Evelyn Miller, Karen McRae, Susan Tucker, Chairman Jane Raymond, Collis Adams, Secretary JoAnn D'Avanza, Charles Freiburger. Absent: Vivian Blondeau, Sel. Rep. Henry Boyle, David Burl, Kevin Naughton (Alt.), Susan Swenson, and Jean Walker (Alt.)*

As a Conservation Commission, we continue to work closely with the Planning Board, the Code Enforcement Officer and the Public Works Department. During 1996 we conducted many site walks. Some of the larger parcels included the new golf course on Gorham Pond Road and Van Buren Estates on Shirley Hill Road. We consulted with the engineers and developers in an effort to avoid disturbance of wetlands. We also attended the technical review committee meetings. This committee is designed to address our community's concerns with regard to police, fire, highway and conservation protection.

As mandated by the State of NH, we are the agency that reviews the dredge and fill applications. Through workshops, college courses, on-the-job training and professional expertise, we conduct on-site inspections of each application. This is followed up with a detailed technical report to the state. These site walks are done by a minimum of two Commissioners. All applications are reviewed and voted on at our monthly meetings.

Two of our Commissioners, Vivian Blondeau and Chuck Freiburger, are actively involved in the Piscataquog River Advisory Committee. Commissioners Evelyn Miller and Jane Raymond are also serving on the Master Plan Committee Land Use Sub-Committee.

The educational programs offered by the Commission have continued. During 1997, we hope to be able to offer expanded workshops for children with the addition of Mrs. Walker to our Commission.



The Commission also worked cooperatively with the biology department of St. Anselm College and the Goffstown Public Works Department in safely relocating the mussels during the reconstruction of Henry Bridge this past summer.

The surveying project of conservation land continues. We hope to have the major portion of this project completed by the end of 1997.

Our meetings are open to the public. We meet the first Wednesday of every month at the Town Hall, unless otherwise posted. We are always interested in public comment. Please feel free to attend these meetings and become involved in your community. Thank you.

Jane Raymond, *Chairman*

## ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Appeals heard by the Zoning Board in 1996 =	38
Appeals Approved	= 27
Appeals Denied	= 11
Withdrawals	= 1

The Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) has the authority, after public hearing and notice to:

1. Decide appeals from the administrative decisions of the municipal officials or boards responsible for issuing permits or enforcing the zoning ordinance;
2. Approve special exceptions as provided for in the zoning ordinance;
3. Grant variances from terms of the ordinance.

Regularly scheduled meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm and are followed by hearings which begin at 7:30 pm. Additional special public hearings and meetings are held as required.

Notices of meetings are posted in the Town Hall and advertised in the *Goffstown News*. Applicants and abutters are notified by certified mail.

All meetings are open to the public and everyone is invited to attend.

Henry Grady, *Chairman*



L-R: Robert Piper, Paul Lambert, Anthony Marts, William Jabjiniak, Secretary Patty Gale, Chairman Henry Grady. Absent: Cynthia Boisvert, Armand Demers, Ernest Tanguay.

# HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION HERITAGE COMMISSION



*L-R: Doug Gove, Sel. Rep. Philip D'Avanza, Annie Vincent, Chairman Sally Healy, Alice Rohr, Eleanor Porritt, Barbara Mace. Absent: Marie Boyle, Robert Gagnon, David White*

**T**he Goffstown Historic District Commission was pleased to have two more buildings accepted to the National register of Historic Places. The Goffstown Public Library received this recognition on December 7, 1995, and the Goffstown Congregational Church achieved this status on March 1, 1996. Bronze plaques designating this honor were ordered for these buildings. Similar plaques will also be placed on the Grasmere Schoolhouse #9 and Town Hall on Center Street in Grasmere Village and the Goffstown Historical Society Building in Parker Station.

During this past year, the Commission has been fortunate to receive donations to the Heritage Fund, making the dream of restoration of the Grasmere Town Hall more of a reality. Apparently, there are other local people in the community who cherish the heritage of Goffstown's past and would like to participate in enjoying public functions, once again, in a building that stands where the town's governing bodies first met.

A Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the handicapped ramp was held on May 11, 1996, making access much easier for everyone who attends meetings at this building in Grasmere. The Knights of Columbus were very helpful in the completion of this project.

On June 1, 1996, the Downtown Walking Tour was ready for celebration. Dignitaries from Concord, from the Selectmen's Office, and HDC members took part in the morning's activities. Booklets of the Tour will be available at the Goffstown Town Hall and the Public Library for anyone interested in the adventure of a self-guided tour. The booklet contains

pictures, stories of some of the town's oldest structures and a map which will take you to 29 historical treasures.

HDC member David White, received honors and three medals from the State Board of Architects for his Architectural work. The Commission is fortunate to have his expert assistance with the restorative work planned for the building in Grasmere. Unfortunately, we were not successful in obtaining the CDBG Grant this past summer which would have enabled us to fulfill our goal of restoration, despite the cooperation given by the teaching staff at Merri-Loo Pre-School and the parents of students attending classes in this historic old school. Commission members attended a special meeting with the Selectmen in October to express their desire to see that painting of the building be considered when budget plans are studied. The HDC hopes to see improvements, repairs and changes made in phases, through Grants and donations to the Heritage Fund. Doug Gove, as Town Historian and active HDC member, sent his concerns to the Master Plan Committee, hoping that the building could be brought up to code so that it can be fully utilized for public functions.

It is hoped that the present vacancies on the 12-member board will be filled soon with other local citizens who share an interest in preserving the historical values of the community.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sally Healy  
*Chairman*

## 1996 PROCLAMATIONS

Library Appreciation Day – March 9, 1996

Keep Goffstown Beautiful Week – April 21 – 27, 1996

Historic Walking Tour Month – June 1996

Constitution Week – September 17 – 23, 1996

National Bible Week – November 24 – December 1, 1996

### EAGLE SCOUT AWARDS

James Andrew Rose Day – January 21, 1996

Martin M. Nawoj Day – February 8, 1996

Luc Paul Marceau Day – April 4, 1996

David M. Chabot Day – May 19, 1996

Michael Paul Wright Day – November 16, 1996

# SOUTHERN NEW HAMPSHIRE PLANNING COMMISSION

The Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission has a wide range of services and resources available to help the dues-paying members deal with a variety of municipal issues. Technical assistance is provided by a professional staff whose expertise is, when necessary, supplemented by consultants who are selected for their specialized skills or services. Each year, with the approval of your appointed representatives, the Commission staff designs and carries out programs of area-wide significance that are mandated under New Hampshire and federal laws or regulations, as well as local or site-specific projects which would pertain more exclusively to your community.

Technical assistance is provided in a professional and timely manner by staff at the request of your Planning Board, Planning Coordinator, Board of Selectmen, and various municipal department heads. The Commission conducts planning studies and carries out projects that are of common interest and benefit to all member communities, keeps your officials apprised of changes in planning and land use regulation, and offers training workshops for Planning and Zoning Board members on an annual basis.

Services that were performed for the Town of Goffstown during the past year are as follows:

1. Co-sponsored the Municipal Law Lecture series. These meetings were attended by Goffstown officials.
2. Conducted traffic counts at fifteen locations in the Town of Goffstown. Copies of the traffic counts were forwarded to the Planning Coordinator.
3. A copy of the Regional Transportation Plan Update and the Transportation Improvement Program FY'97-'99 was forwarded to the Town with a copy to the Town's public library.
4. The Town was furnished with the "Suggested Schedule" for the March 1997 Annual Town Meeting.
5. Provided a video entitled "Zoning and the ZBA" for the use of the Planning Board.
6. Provided informational material regarding the Telecommunications Act of 1996 to the Board of Selectmen, Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Adjustment.
7. Revisited the traffic study for the proposed golf course in Goffstown.
8. Provided data and other technical assistance to several members of the Goffstown Master Plan Update Committee.

Goffstown's Representatives to the Commission are:

Robert Wheeler, Chairman

Arthur W. Rose, Milton Meyer, Barbara Griffin, Alternate

Executive Committee Member: Robert Wheeler

# PARKS & RECREATION

In 1996 the Parks and Recreation Department worked closely with several service organizations and businesses to upgrade the playground areas at Barnard and Roy Parks. Plans are in place to add more playground equipment at both facilities in the spring of 1997. This has been done through the contributions of the Pinardville Booster Club, Rotary Club, Goffstown Lions Club, Kidsplay, Clint Robinson Memorial Playground Fund, Goffstown Jr. Baseball, John Neville Excavating, Linda's Coffee Shop, and Goffstown Friends of Recreation.

Our girls' softball program continued to grow with the addition of new teams this year. The addition of a new scoreboard and outfield fencing at Roy Park improved the facility.

During the summer months our playground programs and use of the pools continued to grow. 12,770 people frequented our two pool facilities.

With our continued use of the school facilities, the department offers programs five nights per week as well as Saturdays. The Recreation Center usage continued to grow with building use five days and nights per week.



*(L-R) Chairmam Sue Tucker, Bruce Rand, Dave French, Donald Dandurand, J. Claude LaRoche. Absent: Paul Smith, Lionel Cullerot, Michael Ryan, and Sel. Henry Boyle*

I would like to thank the Parks & Recreation Commission for their continued dedication and support. Also, many thanks to our summer staff at the pools and parks for their outstanding efforts. Thanks to Ann Beltz, Heidi Leighton, Brad Parkhurst, Richard French, Pete Daniels, and Paul McCann for their contributions to the department. Thanks to our many coaches in our basketball and softball leagues and in our Youth Track Program. I also want to thank Bob Corson and Ed Coulombe for their coaching of our fifth and sixth grade Travel Basketball team, and thanks to the Mens 30 and over Basketball Program.

My appreciation to the Police Association for their help at the Great Pumpkin Hunt and to Pinardville Booster Club for all their efforts on behalf of Parks & Recreation.

Also, thanks to the Board of Selectmen for their support. The Goffstown School Board, School Administrators, and support staffs for their cooperation. The Budget Committee's support was much appreciated.

My appreciation to the Public Works, Police, Fire, Water and Library Departments for their cooperation as well as Town Hall staff and the Town Administrator.

As always, I thank my family for their support and understanding as well as the people of Goffstown for supporting the Parks & Recreation program.

Respectfully submitted,  
David L. French, *Director*

## PROGRAMS & PARTICIPATION LEVELS

PROGRAM	1994	1995	1996
Activity Period	185	190	128
Activity Period, Summer	68	82	91
Aerobics, Morning	42	90	70
Aerobics, Night	172	190	230
Arts & Crafts	184	245	197
Awards Night (4 times/yr.)	950	600	650
Ballet	80	110	130
Basketball, Boys	250	262	282
Basketball, Boys Exhibition Night	30	30	30
Basketball, Boys Travel Team	12	12	12
Basketball, Girls	48	46	62
Basketball, Instructional	50	50	55
Basketball, Mens	45	45	45
Basketball, Summer		20	20
Canoeing		18	12
Cheerleading	60	125	100
Christmas in August	75	110	75
Clown Day	18	90	80
Concert in the Park/Rotary Club Cookout		100	120
Cookout Program	180	160	160
Country & Western Dance	75	100	40
Dirty Sneaker Award	56	62	70
Dog Obedience	105	350	200
Easter in July		215	125
Family Skating Night	25	40	75
Field Trips	480	400	400
Fishing Day	24	25	20
Fun Day in the Park			173
Goffstown Gallop	251	225	226
Great Pumpkin Hunt	200	200	200
Gymnastics	90	100	100
Handicap Awareness Day		70	60
Hershey Track & Field	31	34	50

PROGRAM	1994	1995	1996
Hiking, Fall	12	15	8
Jazz Dancing		14	14
Mystery Trip	40	40	40
Open Gym	24	30	35
Peanut Carnival		250	210
Photography Classes	6	20	30
Pickle Ball Tourney		25	25
Recycling Day	101	150	150
Scavenger Hunts		150	150
Senior Citizen Day	150	115	100
Senior Citizen Trip	48	40	45
Senior Citizen Movie	50	45	40
Soccer, Jr.	89	125	140
Soccer, Summer	20	20	20
Softball, Girls (majors)	} 175	115	120
Softball, Girls (minors)		60	70
Softball, Instructional		32	45
Softball, Summer	25	70	106
Special Night	40	100	80
Staff Day			30
Summer Photo Day		40	40
Summer Youth Track Nite			100
Swimming Lessons	587	673	567
Tennis Tournament		20	25
Tennis, Youth	78	130	54
Tennis, Women's (Fall)			15
Trichester Bicycle Show			150
Volleyball, Adult	50	42	45
Whiffle Ball Tourney		30	30

## FACILITIES

<b>Recreation Center:</b>	Function Room
	Skating Rink
	Picnic Area
	Basketball Court
<b>Barnard Park:</b>	John Brown Track & Field
	Tennis Courts (4)
	Stark Memorial Swimming Pool
	Playground Area
	Basketball Courts
	Outdoor Volleyball Area
<b>Roy Park:</b>	Tennis Courts (3)
	Softball/Baseball Field
	Basketball Court
	Playground Area
	Roy Memorial Swimming Pool

<b>Pool Attendance:</b>	Barnard Pool	11,019	11,018	8,859
	Roy Pool	8,103	8,433	3,911
	Total	19,122	19,451	12,770

*Program history reflects only those programs which were available in 1996.*

# SOLID WASTE COMMISSION

After a previous hectic two years of investigation and then incorporation of the automated curbside collection system to the Town of Goffstown, this past year was a relatively "slow one" for members of the Goffstown Solid Waste Commission (GSWC).

The automated collection system completed its first full calendar year and continues to perform as expected. Thanks to the expertise of driver Perry Spooner, the truck picks up solid waste for the entire town (all one and two-family private residences) in four (4) ten (10) hour days. Truck maintenance is performed on Mondays.

The recycling program continued to be contracted out to Waste Management Co. In 1996, the GSWC began an education program to increase the amount of recyclables collected at curbside. "Goffstown Recycles" signs were obtained free of charge from New Hampshire the Beautiful and will soon be put up at prominent locations around town. Articles have and will continue to appear in the *Goffstown News* promoting curbside recycling. Last year the Town of Goffstown collected 1,150 tons of recyclables at curbside. This figure did not include materials brought to the transfer station. Total curbside and delivered recyclables were over 3,000 tons. A current list of recyclables can be found on the inside back cover of this Town Report.

Household Hazardous Waste Day was held on the traditional first Saturday in June (June 1, 1996). Approximately 200 residents took advantage of this annual event to properly dispose of lead-based paints, oven-cleaners, and other hazardous wastes. Another HHW Day is planned for 1997, most likely on June 7th. Look for signs at the Transfer Station and publicity in the newspapers and on GTV-40.

On April 22, the GSWC presented an Earthday video marathon on GTV-40. The videos promoted recycling or other topics dealing with caring for the earth's natural resources. The commission hopes that this can become an annual event and even include some "homegrown" videos showing how Goffstown disposes of much of its solid waste through recycling.

During the spring and summer of 1996, the GSWC began a composting demonstration and beautification project at the Transfer Station on Goffstown Back Road in Grasmere. We were able to "set-up" samples of composters residents can reproduce in their backyards – from simple units comprised of a length of screening and plastic ties, or old snow fence, to "more sophisticated" three-chambered units built with materials donated by Goffstown Hardware and Mast Road Lumber. There is also a commercially produced composter available for your perusal. Stop down and "check out" this informative area at the Transfer Station when the snow melts and spring clean-up begins. Construction plans are available for some of the more complicated composting units.

Finally, the GSWC continues to be accessible on the information Super Highway. Come visit us @ <http://www.anselm.edu/homepage/jpitocch/welcome.html>. Access all the information concerning Goffstown's solid waste programs as well as a link to the State of New Hampshire's Department of Environmental Services Home Page.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gordon Bartels, *Chairman*



# PUBLIC WORKS

**C**ontinuing the pace of 1995, the Department of Public Works vastly increased it's activities in 1996. The following summaries of our activities suggest the wide range of responsibilities discharged by the Department and contain a forecast of significant upcoming projects.

**PUBLIC WORKS ADMINISTRATIVE:** This Division provides the clerical and administrative support to the Department, as well as technical expertise and assistance to the Board of Selectmen, Planning Board, Sewer, Conservation and Solid Waste Commissions. Budget preparation and tracking; report preparation; subdivision and site plan review; roadway layout and design; and construction monitoring are examples of these duties. Upcoming projects of interest in 1997 are: monitoring a contract for the determination of the structural/functional integrity of the remainder of the Town's bridges and the thorough inspection of the structural integrity of the Main Street Bridge; and, the reclamation of approximately 0.8 miles of Wallace Rd. from Normand to Mountain Base Rd. intersections.

**HIGHWAY:** This Division has responsibility for the maintenance of our ever expanding roadway system as well as providing the talent and labor to perform special projects such as our bridge construction. The '95-'96 winter season nearly eclipsed the record snowfall amount. The salt and overtime budget lines were nearly exhausted by the end of spring and the summer construction and the start of the '96-'97 season were still to be accomplished! The Town Meeting approved the Department's purchase of a 10 wheel dump truck to replace a six wheeled dump, and that truck has proven itself already. In 1996, the following projects were completed: Henry Bridge replacement was completed on time, even though the existence under the bridge of an endangered species of fresh water mussels was not reported until two weeks prior to construction. The new Henry Bridge is a 124' modified Warren Truss structure with an HS-25 load rating and no height restriction. In addition to the usual resurfacing, Worthley Hill Road was reconstructed and several roadway ditch lines were rip-rapped to preserve the roadway's integrity during the inordinate runoff generated by the near record snow melt. All of this work is in addition to the normal maintenance work which must be performed.

**SOLID WASTE:** This Division, responsible for the curbside collection of municipal solid waste and it's disposal and the operation of the Transfer Station, had it's usually active year. Free mulch was provided to Goffstown residents this Spring to assist them in their landscaping efforts. The "Household Hazardous Waste Day" continued to be a huge success thanks again to the Board of Selectmen and the Solid Waste Commission for their assistance. The Transfer Station handled nearly 6500 tons of material, and over 1000 tons of recyclables that Waste Management collects at the curb.

Proven successful over a year's operation is the automated, curbside collection of trash. This system utilizes one truck and one operator to pick up the household generated trash. It makes a little over 1,100 stops per day and completes the whole Town in four, ten hour days. The '95-'96 winter saw a record amount of snowfall and this system proved itself extremely capable of performing above expectations in adverse conditions.

**SEWER:** This Division has the responsibility for the maintenance of the existing sewer collection system in the Town. Television monitoring of problem areas throughout the system continued, and the conversion of Prospect Street to the new interceptor was completed. The reconstruction of the First Avenue sewer line was initiated and will be completed in the spring of '97. "Normal" calls for backups, building sewer inspections and plan reviews were also performed. 1997 will see the remedial work on the Mast Rd. sewers in the Pinard Square area completed in accordance with the design performed by the Department.

**CEMETERY:** This Division has responsibility for the maintenance and all interments for all three town cemeteries – Westlawn, Hillside, and Shirley Hill. Plans for the expansion of the Shirley Hill Cemetery were started in 1996 with the performance of a boundary survey of the land and the construction of a "gateway" to the rear – or new – portion of the cemetery. The pride of this Division in carrying out it's responsibilities is demonstrated every year in the special flower plantings done for Memorial Day and the weekly care given to the grounds under it's control.

This is my last report to the Town as your Public Works Director. The success which the Department and I have enjoyed, both professionally and personally, are a tribute to the citizens of Goffstown. You listened, discussed, thought and voted to give us the opportunity to perform our jobs as well as we could. I salute you as you should feel the same pride that the Department does. Thanks to the Department Heads for their counsel, help and friendship not only in the past year but for all my time here. The assistance of the Selectmen and Planning Board, and the Solid Waste and Sewer Commissions is appreciated. As I look forward to my new responsibilities in 1997, I trust that with your continued help the Department of Public Works will continue to thrive and be successful. Sayonara!

Donald E. Hambidge, P.E.  
*Director, DPW*

# POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Goffstown Police Department handled a total of 15,909 calls for service during 1996, versus 15,477 in 1995. This is a 2.8% increase in the total number of calls for service (CFS). There were 2,899 criminal and motor vehicle arrests made during 1996, an average of 7.9 per day. This is a 5.5% increase in arrests over 1995.

You will find a statistical summary of complaints and arrests at the end of this report, along with a comparison to 1995's activities. Several categories are noteworthy.

Motor vehicle accidents remained stable with 646 reported in 1996, and 648 in 1995. The number of accidents involving personal injury decreased from 92 in 1995 to 65 in 1996; tragically, however, there were two fatal accidents which resulted in three deaths during the year.

Once again, crimes against persons have continued to rise. Such crimes are more labor intensive, more costly to investigate, and have greater impact community wide, than property crimes.

Assault complaints increased 139%; from 149 in 1995 to 356 in 1996, and there were 250 arrests made for assaults. Child abuse and neglect cases totaled 116 in 1996 versus 114 in 1995. Sexual assaults decreased from 35 to 17. Criminal threat reports increased 36%; harassment incidents totaled 168, and there were four robberies reported in 1996; none in 1995.

The number of reported narcotics/drug offenses remained nearly the same at 75. However, the number of arrests for drug offenses increased by 60%, from 25 in 1995 to 40 in 1996. In concert with the NH Drug Task Force, the Manchester Police Department, the State Police and the Drug Enforcement Agency, the department continues to place a high priority on drug interdiction efforts. One officer returned from specialized assignment on "loan" to the NH Drug Task Force.

Unfortunately, the number of reported incidents of Domestic Violence, increased for the second year in a row. There were 163 reports of Domestic Violence in 1995, and 193 in 1996, an increase of 18%. The department has adopted a mandatory arrest policy in such matters, and has increased its efforts in providing victim/witness advocacy for victims of violence within the home. It is important that all segments of the criminal justice system, and the community, do all that is possible to prevent the escalation or reoccurrence of violence within the home. We made 110 arrests in 1996 for instances of domestic violence; an increase of 28% over 1995. The good news is that burglaries, continued to decline. There were 53 reported burglaries in 1996 versus 57 in 1995.

Thefts, criminal trespass, criminal mischief (property damage), and arson reports, all increased in 1996.

## **A YEAR OF WORK**

There was a number of major cases in 1996; cases which involved extraordinary work on the part of many personnel within the agency. On August 4, 1996 we were called to a homicide involving a strangulation. An arrest was made at the scene, and the individual charged, as of this writing, is awaiting trial.

Similarly, two major gambling investigations were brought to fruition during 1996, involving illegal payoffs on video poker machines.

Each of the two fatal accidents which occurred within the community involved hundreds of hours of investigation, and accident reconstruction. Our hearts go out to the families of the victims who lost their lives in these tragic accidents. We will continue to do all we can to keep our streets and highways safe, including the continuation of a "firm but fair" motor vehicle enforcement policy.

## **PROGRAMS & PROJECTS**

Two new DARE instructors, Officers Dave Moloney and Pierre Pouliot, received their certification as DARE Instructors, and continued this popular anti-drug and violence program at the Goffstown Middle School, and the Villa Augustina. They took over teaching duties from DARE Instructors Lt. Don Davidson and Sgt. Susan Lebel, who have devoted many years to the program for grade six students. In addition, the DARE Instructors have scheduled several "Officer Friendly" visits to grades K-3.

Officers Chris Krajenka and Tracy Culberson were assigned to the bicycle patrol during 1996, and continued the department's proactive community policing efforts during the warmer months. The patrol division successfully networked with the Goffstown Schools and St. Anselm College by guest lecturing, working closely with the administration(s), and promoting the ride-a-long program.

These measures are designed to enhance the department's ability to become more efficient in the delivery of proactive, community and problem oriented, policing services.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

Our communications department serves as a police, fire, and emergency medical dispatch center for the Town. In addition, it provides contractual services to the New Boston Police and Fire Departments, and the Weare Fire and Rescue Service. Goffstown derives approximately \$24,400.00/year income from these contracts.

The center operates 24 hours a day and handles in excess of 19,345 total calls for service; 500,000 radio; 84,000 phone; and 190,000 teletype and computer messages each year. The center is fully accessible to the hearing impaired.

During 1995, State-wide 911 service became available. From a single answering point in Concord NH, 911 operators route police, fire and emergency medical calls to our dispatcher immediately. The "enhanced" service allows the 911 operator to immediately "see" the address and subscriber information from the call's origin.

The Town is in the process of completing the Town-wide communications system upgrade; has erected a new tower and electronics hut on the mountain, and will be able to transmit in a trunked mode with data capabilities by the summer of 1997.

## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

The emergency management function is handled by the police department. Our mission is to maintain and coordinate the Town's emergency readiness capabilities, in the event of a natural or man-made disaster.

This was tested on three occasions during 1996; the first during April flooding which forced the evacuation of some homes along the Piscataquog River; again during fall flooding in October; and then finally, during the prolonged power outages associated with the winter storm of December 7th through the 10th.

## STATISTICS

As your Chief, and on behalf of our employees, allow me to express our appreciation for your continuing support and cooperation. If at any time you feel that you or a member of your family has been done a disservice, please contact me or a supervisor directly. You may be assured that complaints about departmental procedures, or its personnel, will be handled in a fair and impartial manner. Annual statistical summaries of internal investigations are available upon request.

If you have not yet done so, we would invite you to visit our facility at 326 Mast Road. We would be happy to arrange group tours for school children, cub scout groups, etc.

Please remember – the prevention of crime and safety of the community, is everyone's responsibility.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Stephen R Monier, *Chief of Police*



*Dispatcher Michelle Provencher of the Communications Division works at one of the two consoles in the Dispatch Center. The Communications Department provides 24 hour service for Police, Fire and EMS, and contract service to New Boston Police, Fire & EMS, and Weare Fire and EMS.*

## INCIDENTS/OFFENSES

<b>Complaint Category:</b>	<b>1995</b>	<b>1996</b>	<b>% Change +/-</b>
<b>Accidents</b>			
Total Accidents:	648	646	-0.3%
Accidents w/Injury	92	65	-29.3%
Fatalities	0	2	200.0%
Hit & Run Accidents	48	57	18.8%
Investigated	419	446	6.4%
Reported not Investigated	176	200	13.6%
<b>Crimes Against Persons:</b>			
Assaults	149	356	138.9%
Child Abuse/Neglect	114	116	1.8%
Criminal Threat	76	103	35.5%
Domestic Violence	163	193	18.4%
Harassment	155	168	8.4%
Homicide	0	1	100.0%
Indecent Exposure	30	6	-80.0%
Narcotics Complaints	76	75	-1.3%
Other Juvenile Offenses	205	170	-17.1%
Sexual Assaults	35	17	-51.4%
Robbery Complaints	0	4	400.0%
<b>Total Crimes Against Persons:</b>	<b>1003</b>	<b>1209</b>	<b>20.5%</b>
<b>Crimes Against Property/Other:</b>			
Alarms	834	785	-5.9%
Arson	8	13	62.5%
Burglaries	57	53	-7.0%
Civil	215	289	34.4%
Courtesy Calls	823	868	5.5%
Crime Prevention	330	370	12.1%
Criminal Mischief	299	401	34.1%
Criminal Trespass	107	138	29.0%
Disorderly Conduct	97	103	6.2%
Dog/Animal Complaints	504	535	6.2%
Driving While Intoxicated	186	180	-3.2%
Escape	5	5	0.0%
Found Property	172	169	-1.7%
Liquor Law Violations	106	162	52.8%
Lost Property	41	47	14.6%
Missing Persons	64	35	-45.3%
Motor Vehicle Complaints	577	566	-1.9%
Motor Vehicle Enforcement	5236	4531	-13.5%
Motor Vehicle Thefts	16	19	18.8%
Noise Complaints	236	248	5.1%
Police Information	7	5	-28.6%
Runaways	29	44	51.7%
Suicide (includes attempts)	26	18	-30.8%
Sudden Deaths	5	6	20.0%
Suspicious Persons	214	199	-7.0%
Suspicious Vehicles	247	229	-7.3%
Thefts	403	494	22.6%

Complaint Category	1995	1996	% Change +/-
All Other Complaints	5045	5537	9.8%
<b>Total Crimes Against Property:</b>	<b>15889</b>	<b>16049</b>	<b>1.0%</b>
<b>Total Offenses:</b>	<b>16892</b>	<b>17258</b>	<b>2.2%</b>

### ARRESTS & SUMMONSES

Motor Vehicle Arrests:	1995	1996	% Change +/-
Speed	902	597	-33.8%
DWI	92	70	-23.9%
Oper. After Revo.	82	63	-23.2%
Reckless Operation	14	8	-42.9%
Non-Inspection	237	192	-19.0%
Other M/V Offenses	758	598	-21.1%
<b>Total Motor Vehicle Arrests:</b>	<b>2085</b>	<b>1528</b>	<b>-26.7%</b>
<b>Written Warnings(not an arrest):</b>	<b>3257</b>	<b>3071</b>	<b>-5.7%</b>
<b>Combined Total M/V Activity:</b>	<b>5342</b>	<b>4599</b>	<b>-13.9%</b>

Criminal Arrests:	1995	1996	Juv%	% Change +/-
Homicide	0	1		100.0%
Negligent Homicide	0	0		0.0%
Kidnapping	0	0		0.0%
Assault	122	250	124	104.9%
Assault(Domestic)	86	110		27.9%
Arson	4	5	4	25.0%
Escape	4	2	2	-50.0%
Larceny	64	72	47	12.5%
Burglary	10	9	5	-10.0%
Disorderly Conduct	41	52	36	26.8%
Criminal Mischief	80	61	26	-23.8%
Narcotics	25	40	16	60.0%
Forgery	0	1		100.0%
Resisting Arrest	12	2		-83.3%
Criminal Liability	11	3	1	-72.7%
Other Criminal Offenses	205	763		272.2%
<b>Total Criminal Arrests:</b>	<b>664</b>	<b>1371</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>106.5%</b>
<b>Total Enforcement Activity</b>	<b>6006</b>	<b>5970</b>		<b>-0.6%</b>
<b>Total Activity Combined:</b>	<b>23546</b>	<b>23874</b>		<b>1.4%</b>



*Officer Dave Rivard of the Patrol Division prepares for duty in front of police headquarters, located at 326 Mast Road.*

# GEMSA

Through the generosity of our citizens, Goffstown Emergency Medical Services Association (GEMSA) has continued to fund operating expenses. At a time when many towns around us are starting to charge fees and or raise taxes we can all be proud of this.

As we enter our nineteenth year it is time to start thinking about an ambulance replacement, this is always a tremendous effort and commitment. I am sure it will include new fundraisers.

Anyone interested in joining GEMSA is always welcome. We meet quarterly, call 497-3619 for more information.

All funds raised are used by the Goffstown Fire Department for expenses, equipment and training. Many of our EMTs are certified in advanced life support skills.

Respectfully submitted,  
Darron Pierson  
*President*





# FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Goffstown Fire Department experienced a very busy year again. In 1996 we responded to 1,427 calls for service, an increase of 93 over the 1995 incidents. Of the 1,427 incidents, 659 were for medical emergencies, a decrease from the 646 medical calls of 1995. While the medical calls decreased by 13, the fire incidents increased by 106. We have included a copy of the breakdown of incidents by classification in this report.

Under the listing for structure fires there were 27 calls. Of those, four buildings were destroyed and the others are still within the tax structure of the Town.

In the beginning of December we had very heavy snow that caused a lot of damage throughout the Town. Trees and wires were downed. Several houses and many people's property were damaged by the numerous fallen trees. This Department, along with the Police Department and Public Works Department were extremely busy. The Fire Department had personnel working for 48 hours straight, answering calls for service and protecting people and property.



As I write this report, I have given my resignation to the Board of Selectmen as I am retiring on January 31, 1997. The Selectmen have appointed Deputy Chief Edward Hunter as the new Chief to fill my position. Chief Hunter has been with the Department for 20 years, during which time he has been a Firefighter, a Captain and a Deputy Chief in charge of fire prevention. Chief Hunter, with his knowledge of firefighting and emergency medical services, will do a fine job running the Fire Department and providing the needed services to the Citizens of Goffstown.

## TRAINING DIVISION

The Fire Department Training Division experienced another busy year training our personnel. Captain Shawn Murray, our Training Officer, reported the Division has continued to train personnel in fire, EMS, and hazardous materials response during this past year. Through these training efforts, the Department has trained EMS personnel to more advanced levels of training therefore, providing the citizens of the town with higher EMS skills in advanced life support. The Training Division also conducted a Firefighter Orientation Course which resulted in 10 more fire personnel being put on the Department roster. This allows the Department to maintain proper staffing levels for response to emergencies. The Department is also focusing on Hazardous Material response and training and has increased the number of Hazardous Material Technicians to approximately 10 personnel, with an additional 10 fire personnel who will become certified by the end of February. Fire training sessions are held four nights a month, and one night a month for our EMS Personnel. Fire personnel both full time and paid on call continually train to maintain the skills and knowledge to work under emergency conditions. The Department saw an unusual high number of structure fires this year, however, due to the continual training our personnel go through, we were able to keep fire losses at a minimum due to their skills in firefighting.

## FIRE PREVENTION

Fire prevention efforts help reduce our fire losses. It is cost effective and by any measure more efficient than fire suppression. The Goffstown Fire Department has an aggressive program of plan review and safety inspections. We are available to all residents of Goffstown that may have a concern with any safety matter. Whether it be related to the installation of smoke detectors, a heating appliance, or a young person discovered with matches or lighters, we are prepared to assist you.

This past year we have had several large construction projects completed or well underway. The YMCA at the Allard Center is an example of a new facility that considerable effort was expended to assure fire and life safety. The Y was of particular concern because of the lack of water in this area. Fortunately, this concern was managed by requesting that the YMCA provide a connection to the interior swimming pool giving us the availability of the pool water should there be a fire at the facility.

Two building projects at St. Anselm College were completed. A new science center and housing complex. The science building was particularly time consuming because of its size and fire protection systems. However, the college, the architect and general contractor were very accommodating and our needs were met.

Manufactured housing was temporarily placed on campus at St. Anselm. There are plans for more permanent facilities in 1997 and the mobile homes will be removed. However, we did need to assure similar fire protection as in other residential buildings on campus. Fire hydrants were installed along with good access to the structures.

Heating appliances, chimneys, fuel tanks and other potential sources of fire are inspected as they are installed. Although most installers are knowledgeable and install these devices properly, hazards are uncovered and corrected. This is particularly true when new technology is used or there are newly instituted code changes.

Carbon Monoxide detectors have become common place. These detectors are activating for a number of reasons. Some, but only a few, are due to faulty appliances or installations. Others have been due to operating vehicles in adjacent garages or garages below the living space and others activate because not enough fresh air is available for combustion. Our homes are energy efficient and many have limited air filtration. If there is any question at all, we suggest leaving a window slightly open to provide fresh air to your heating appliances.

The Fire Explorer Post is doing well and currently has 10 members. Any young person between the ages of fourteen and twenty one who is interested in learning about the fire service or emergency medical services, is welcome to become a member. The meetings are held on the first and third Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Pinardville Fire Station. You simply need to attend a meeting and an advisor or another explorer will be happy to explain the organization to you.

In closing, I would like to take a moment to thank all the Citizens of Goffstown, the Board of Selectmen, all the Departments in Town and the Committees. To the members of the Goffstown Fire Department, EMS, personnel, Fire Explorers, and their families thank you for your support and dedication over the past 21 years.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Chief Richard E. Fletcher

## FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONSES BY CLASSIFICATION

	1994	1995	1996
Aid, Mutual	75	84	93
Alarms, Accidental	78	60	59
Alarms, Malfunctions	92	91	105
Alarms, False	29	16	15
Bomb Threats	1	0	0
Burning, Illegal	16	29	16
Calls, Good Intent	26	56	52
Calls, Miscellaneous	28	24	22
Calls, Service	100	93	149
Calls, Smoke Investigation	57	59	56
Fires, Brush	26	23	21
Fires, Chimney	6	15	10
Fires, Structure	27	25	27
Fires, Vehicle	13	16	14
Hazardous Mat'l Incidents	35	46	47
Hazards, Electrical	27	25	82
Medical Emergencies	609	672	659
<b>TOTAL RESPONSES</b>	<b>1245</b>	<b>1334</b>	<b>1427</b>

# TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

To aid your Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department and State Forest Ranger, contact your local Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required before doing any open burning. Violations of RSA 227-L:17, the fire permit law and the other burning laws of the State of New Hampshire are misdemeanors punishable by fines of up to \$2,000 and/or a year in jail. Violators are also liable for all fire suppression costs.

There are ten Forest Rangers who work for the N.H. Division of Forests and Lands, Forest Protection Bureau. State Forest Rangers are available to assist communities with forest fire suppression, prevention and training programs as well as the enforcement of forest fire and timber harvest laws. If you have any questions regarding forest fire or timber harvest laws please call our office at 271-2217.

The State of New Hampshire operates 15 fire towers, two mobile patrols and three contract aircraft patrols. This early detection and reports from citizens aid in the quick response from local fire departments.

## 1996 FIRE STATISTICS

(Cost Shared)

<u>FIRES REPORTED BY COUNTY</u>		<u>CAUSE OF FIRES REPORTED</u>	
Belknap	06	Smoking	05
Carroll	07	Debris Burning	34
Cheshire	13	Campfire	16
Coos	10	Power Line	04
Grafton	12	Railroad	02
Hillsborough	19	Equipment Use	01
Merrimack	14	Lightning	02
Rockingham	15	Children	22
Strafford	05	OHVR	01
Sullivan	06	Miscellaneous	20
TOTAL FIRES	107		

**“REMEMBER, ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT FOREST FIRES!”**

Bryan C. Nowell  
*Forest Ranger*

Richard E. Fletcher  
*Forest Fire Warden*

# PUBLIC LIBRARY

This past year has been one of transition for the Goffstown Public Library, a bridge leading to 1997 and to the addition of comprehensive, accessible services in a renovated building. While the regular schedule of adults' and children's programming continued, major progress was achieved on four projects begun several years ago – the automation of circulation and the card catalog with the GMILCS consortium, the further development of the branch library in Pinardville, the reinstitution of the literacy program, and the renovation of the historic High Street building. In 1996, support for the library and for its important role in the community was illustrated by the passage of the special article on the town warrant to construct an elevator and stairway addition to the library and to renovate the attic for additional space; by the capital campaign that raised over \$24,000 from residents and businesses; by the many volunteers who barcoded the collection, worked on data entry, and staffed Sunday openings; by the generous donation from the Odd Fellows; and by the Goffstown Historic Commission's successful nomination of the library for the National Register of Historic Buildings.

Children's programs continued their popularity and saw increased participation at the branch library. The Goffstown Truck Center continued to provide bus transportation from Bartlett School to the branch for the after school storytimes. The summer reading program, "Reading – the Best Game Around", captured the Olympic spirit and attracted over 100 preschoolers through eighth graders to a wide variety of reading activities at both library locations. Older children performed again with singer-songwriter Doug Clegg in the annual family read-aloud "Night of a Thousand Stars" during National Library Week in April. Preschool storytimes and after school storytimes continued during the construction thanks to St. Matthews Church and the Maple Avenue School which provided spaces for these popular reading programs.

Programs for adults were again an integral part of community library services. "Consider the Source: Old Tales Retold", the winter discussion series funded by the New Hampshire Humanities Council, sparked interest through comparisons of classic myths and tales with modern retellings from contemporary literature. Adults joined youth in a popular summer short story/film discussion series titled "Growing Up in America" led by UNH-Manchester professor Fred Metting and funded by the New Hampshire Humanities Council. The last town meeting in Goffstown was held on May 3, 1996, at the Goffstown High School Theater when twenty residents (including many town officials and employees) performed a dramatic reading of New Hampshire author Rebecca Rule's play "Town Meeting" before a spirited audience of local townspeople. The production of this comedy in one act was made possible by a grant from the New Hampshire State Council on the Arts and was directed and introduced by the author Rebecca Rule. The library celebrated the centennial of the publication of Sarah Orne Jewett's classic novel *The Country of the Pointed Firs* with a

dramatic adaptation in November performed by Pontine Movement Theatre and a discussion program at the branch in November led by Barbara Gannon.

After a lapse of a couple of years, the library's adult literacy program was reinstituted. Under Susan Babine's direction, the program provided free tutoring to Goffstown residents – 16 year olds and over who are not enrolled in high school – in reading, writing, and math skills or in GED preparation. The literacy coordinator recruited and trained local adult volunteers to provide one-on-one tutoring, created and distributed informational brochures and posters along with media PSA's to publicize the program, participated in Continental Cablevision's Literacy Telethon to raise money for the program, and networked with area literacy organizations to reach more prospective students. The library is committed to continuing an uninterrupted literacy program with local community financial and volunteer support. This past year has demonstrated the need for such a program in Goffstown.

The Goffstown Public Library is a member of the Greater Manchester Integrated Library System (GMILS) and has made considerable progress in its preparation to go on-line with the ten other surrounding libraries. In late 1996, the library received confirmation that it had received \$12,200 in matching funds from the Library Services and Construction Act, Title II – Public Library Technology Enhancement Grant. The grant money and matching funds will be used to purchase and install the technological equipment necessary to network the main library, the branch, and the town hall to GMILCS, to each other, and to the Internet. The grant will provide the equipment to automate the new circulation desk and the card catalog using the Dynix System of GMILCS, Inc. and to help the library become an active participant in the information highway.

During the last four months of 1996, the library was absorbed in the renovation and the construction at the High Street building. Because the estimated cost of the compliance renovation was lower than the actual bids for the project, negotiations with the low bidder were necessary. On August 21, 1996, the library trustees contracted with Brookstone Builders, Inc. to build the fire rated stairway and elevator addition, to rework the main entrance for handicapped access, to remodel the attic for conference and reference use, and to expand the children's and circulation areas at a cost of \$310,700. The difference between the cost of the project and the \$265,000 appropriated at the 1996 town meeting was made up by the Mary Parker Nelson Trust Fund and the capital campaign funds above the \$15,500 pledged to the town to reduce the tax impact of the project. In September, the generous donation by the Odd Fellows added many finishing elements back into the project, including all the mill work, to ensure that building would be completed as originally speced. At report time, construction progress was clearly visible on the roof with the two new dormers and the four skylights and on the north side with the tall elevator shaft and the stairway addition.

A note of appreciation and thanks goes to all the Goffstown residents, businesses, and organizations (especially The Friends of the Goffstown Public Library) for their financial and volunteer support in 1996. The Trustees, the Staff, and the Friends are planning a dedication and grand opening of the renovated High Street building in early June and look forward to expanded services in 1997.



(L-R) Albert Packard, Cathleen Ball, Chairman Carolyn Benthien, Barbara Griffin, Library Director Janet Bartels. Absent: Ricci Allard, Charles Cornello.

GOFFSTOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY  
LIBRARY TRUSTEES

JANUARY 1, 1996 – DECEMBER 31, 1996

REVENUE		EXPENSES	
ACTUAL			
Grants	2,228.95	Programs	2,557.60
Gifts/Donations	1,489.96	Automation	4,503.11
Programs – Literacy	221.40	Media	205.66
Fines	4,635.40	Books	5,802.87
Books	650.00	Periodicals –	
Periodicals	3,209.88	Goffstown	5,972.40
Fundraising	630.00	Periodicals –	
Interest	36.86	Pinardville	210.48
		Fundraising	605.00
		Miscellaneous	766.77
		TOTAL EXPENSES	\$20,623.89
		NET PROFIT (LOSS)	\$2,968.89
ENCUMBRANCES			
Automation (Matching Funds for LSCA Grant)			\$2,200.00
Programs (Literacy)			221.40
Periodicals			347.49
Miscellaneous			200.00
TOTAL ENCUMBRANCES			\$2,968.89

Respectfully submitted,  
Janet Bartels, *Library Director*

# GENERAL ASSISTANCE

General Assistance is financial assistance provided by the town on a short term basis to eligible households. Assistance with basic necessities such as food, shelter, utilities, medical or employment related expenses is issued through a voucher system. Eligibility is based on both financial and non-financial factors. General Assistance Guidelines are reviewed and updated annually.

Goffstown's General Assistance expenditures are low because of the many resources available in the community some of which are listed here. Food programs provided by Goffstown Network Food Pantry, SHARE, Salvation Army, Southern N.H. Services' WIC and Commodity Foods, St. Joseph Community Center's Elderly Nutrition Program, and Food Stamps led to a low food expenditure by the town. Clothing and household items were provided by the Clothes Vestree and Salvation Army while transportation was provided by the Goffstown Outreach Program. Fuel Assistance was available through Southern N.H. Services, Neighbor Helping Neighbor Program, Salvation Army, and the Clergy Association. The New Hampshire Housing Finance Authority and Greater Manchester Housing Authority provided housing assistance. The Manchester Community Health Center, Child Health Services, and Optima Health provided health services to uninsured and underinsured residents. The Lions Club assisted needy residents with eyeglasses and other medical needs. Local churches assisted residents with a variety of financial needs.

During 1996 the Town of Goffstown assisted 49 households and expended approximately \$25,058 (unaudited). An additional \$4,500 was expended on the Elderly Nutrition Program. Those who did not meet the eligibility requirements or needed additional assistance were referred to other organizations. Goffstown was reimbursed approximately \$1,671 by other agencies and recipients, some through the Workfare Program.

At the federal level President Clinton signed the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 on August 22, 1996. As I write this report, the State of New Hampshire is in the rulemaking phase for implementing welfare reform by replacing Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) with the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) and New Hampshire Employment Program (NHEP). Eligibility requirements are also changing for the Food Stamp Program. How the federal and state decisions impact local welfare remains to be seen. This will be monitored closely with our new computer programs and the implementation of the Benefit Outreach Screening Software (BOSS).

A sincere thank you to all the individuals and organizations who assist residents in need. Your support truly makes Goffstown a community of caring.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sue Desruisseaux  
*Welfare/Support Services Administrator*



# CABLE TELEVISION COMMUNITY ACCESS COMMITTEE

During 1996 the committee recommended and the selectmen approved a stipend position (\$2,400 per year) for a PEG Coordinator, funded by PEG franchise fees. The goal of the committee was to extend station hours, coordinate patron training, and develop a "user friendly" environment for public access. We were very fortunate to find an individual, Roger Richard, who went above and beyond these goals. His dedication, enthusiasm and experience have led to his full-time employment at the new Bedford cable television station. He will continue to be involved with GTV-40 as a patron. We wish him the best in his new position. An interim PEG Coordinator has been appointed until the position can be advertised and posted.

Funding of GTV-40 is through franchise fees received from Continental Cablevision. A 1% franchise fee is paid to GTV-40, and a 3% fee is paid to the town. The PEG franchise fee is the only source of revenue for GTV-40, and provides for the purchase, maintenance and repair of equipment; necessary supplies; and the coordinator's stipend.

GTV-40 is a shared facility and is located in Goffstown Area High School. During the day the school uses the studio to teach video production. Students can access the facility in the evening as patrons to continue their productions. Educational shows are downlinked and cablecast for the school and the community. GTV-40 is a unique cooperative effort between the Public, Education and Government sectors.

The success of GTV-40 depends upon volunteers. If you would like to learn more about the volunteer opportunities with GTV-40, then please call 497-3616.



*(L-R) Chairman Jim Pingree, David Chabot, Rick Gamache, Educational Advisor Les Rosenthal, Tamblyn Gosling, Government Advisor Sue Desruisseaux, Doug Gove, PEG Coordinator Roger Richard. Absent: Howard Sobolov and Don Gagnon.*

# GOFFSTOWN SEWER COMMISSION

In March the Commission received and accepted with regret the resignation of Arthur (Art) Rose, Sr. Arthur had served on this Commission and several other town committees for many years. He gave to this Commission not only his experience as a professional engineer, but also diplomacy and humor. On April 22 the Selectmen appointed James Bouchard to fill the vacancy left by Arthur. An engineer in the wastewater field, Mr. Bouchard is a welcome addition to the Commission.

At last year's Town Meeting the bond article for the construction of the municipal wastewater line to service the Knollcrest area was defeated. This project will remain in the Facility Plan and be rescheduled to a later date. In accordance with the Facility Plan the Commission's next scheduled project will be to extend the municipal wastewater system into Moose Club Park. This area lies along the Piscataquog River and borders Lynchville Park and Danis Park - two other areas that are also in the Facility Plan. Several public hearings were held with the residents of Moose Club Park. A majority of the residents attended these hearings to discuss the issues and any concerns that they may have. The residents of this area, by a showing of hands at the meetings, were very much in favor of the project. Funding for the Moose Club Project will be through a bond issuance, State Grant monies, an accessibility fee to those property owners directly affected by this expansion and the user fee. Bond issuances for municipal sewer projects are not part of the property tax base.

General maintenance of the wastewater lines continued throughout the year. In April, a contract was awarded to Eastern Pipe Services, Inc. to clean and inspect the entire municipal wastewater system. The Village area was completed during the summer with the Pinardville area scheduled for the spring of 1997. Upon completion, a master plan for overall maintenance of the wastewater system will be prepared by the Department of Public Works. In October, R.M. Piper, Inc. was awarded the First Avenue Replacement/Relocation, Roy Street Replacement & College Road Extension Bid. Roy Street and College Road are completed. The First Avenue project is scheduled for completion this spring.

The Sewer Commission was created in 1956 and is comprised of a three member elected board whose function is to administer and maintain the municipal wastewater system. This system is funded exclusively by the user fee charge system. Public meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm at the Town Hall. Individuals requesting to be on the agenda should contact the Sewer Commissioners' office at (603) 497-8992 to schedule an appointment.

Sincerely,  
Stephen R. Crean, *Chairman*  
Paul La Perle  
James Bouchard

**GOFFSTOWN SEWER COMMISSION  
DETAILED BUDGET (unaudited)**

<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>	<b>1996 BUDGET</b>	<b>1996 ACTUAL</b>	<b>1997 BUDGET</b>
SALARIES/BENEFITS .....	\$ 42,026	\$ 41,994	\$ 43,084
CONTRACTED SVCS .....	16,068	6,569	16,608
INTEREST.....	306,335	285,505	263,729
SUPPLIES .....	4,860	2,844	4,860
TELEPHONE .....	600	360	940
POSTAGE .....	3,500	3,035	3,500
LEGAL EXPENSE .....	10,000	5,867	10,000
OFFICE EQUIP REPAIR .....	4,000	1,400	4,000
BAD DEBT EXPENSE .....	2,000	342	2,000
DEPRECIATION.....	182,000	182,000	190,000
AUDIT .....	2,000	2,000	2,100
OFFICE EQUIPMENT .....	3,000	3,709	3,000
TRAINING .....	1,000	278	1,000
<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	<b>577,389</b>	<b>535,903</b>	<b>544,821</b>
<b>EQUIPMENT</b>			
EQUIPMENT .....	4,000	0	24,000
MAINTENANCE & LABOR .....	4,000	1,861	14,000
<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	<b>8,000</b>	<b>1,861</b>	<b>38,000</b>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>			
CONTRACTED SVCS.....	30,000	17,283	30,000
<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	<b>30,000</b>	<b>17,283</b>	<b>30,000</b>
<b>SEWERAGE/PUMP STATION</b>			
HAZARDOUS WASTE.....	10,000	0	1
SUPPLIES .....	16,000	3,926	16,000
TELEPHONE.....	2,500	2,149	4,000
ELECTRICITY.....	16,000	15,521	16,000
FUEL FOR GENERATOR.....	3,000	4,917	4,000
REPAIRS.....	17,000	6,133	10,000
WATER .....	1,100	222	1,100
CHEMICALS .....	2,000	451	2,000
CONTRACTED SVCS.....	4,000	3,042	4,000
<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	<b>71,600</b>	<b>36,361</b>	<b>57,101</b>
<b>SEWER COMMISSION</b>			
PAYMENT TO MANCHESTER	291,660	359,217	405,022
SEWER REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE	305,000	189,082	290,000
NEW SEWER CONSTRUCTION	47,200	0	47,200
ODOR CONTROL.....	0	0	185,000
<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	<b>643,860</b>	<b>548,299</b>	<b>927,222</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,330,849</b>	<b>\$1,139,707</b>	<b>\$1,597,144</b>

# GOFFSTOWN VILLAGE PRECINCT

During the past year the Goffstown Village Water Precinct worked on several projects.

Our filtration plant is now on line and is operating in compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act. This facility is designed to process 400 gallons per minute and is tied into our storage facilities.

Our open house at the new plant was well attended by local citizens and water professionals. The building was dedicated to the memory of Commissioner and past Chairman Herbert Slattum for his tireless efforts in bringing the plant from concept to completion.

The distribution system improvements include pipe replacement between the wells and the main water line, completion of several loops to eliminate dead ends, the Worthley Hill Road pumping station with new piping and preparation for work on South Mast Street.

Our Well-Head Protection review has been completed by the Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission and the ten year Forestry Management Program is being implemented.

Respectfully submitted,  
Allen D. Gamans, *Chairman*

To the inhabitants of the Goffstown Village Precinct qualified to vote on precinct affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet at the Goffstown Town Hall in said Goffstown, in said Precinct, on Monday, March 17, 1997, at 7:00 in the evening to act upon the following articles:

## ARTICLE I

To choose all necessary officers for the ensuing year, including a Moderator and Clerk.

## ARTICLE II

To elect one (1) member to the Board of Water Commissioners for a term of five (5) years. To elect one (1) member to the Board of Water Commissioners for a two (2) year term.

## ARTICLE III

To see if the Precinct will vote to accept the report of the Board of Water Commissioners to appropriate the sum of Five Hundred and Thirty-One Thousand, Three Hundred Twenty-Seven Dollars for the ensuing year.

## ARTICLE IV

To see if the Precinct will vote to allow the Board of Water Commissioners the right to borrow in excess of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) due to any emergency that may arise.

## ARTICLE V

To hear the reports of the various officers of the Precinct and to pass any vote relative thereto.

## ARTICLE VI

To transact any other business that may lawfully come before the meeting.

Given under our hand and seal this 22nd day of January 1997.

Allen D. Gamans, Jr., 2000  
Raymond Taber, 2001

Henry L. Burnham, 1997  
Henry C. Boyle, 1998

### GOFFSTOWN VILLAGE WATER PRECINCT DETAILED BUDGET

#### REVENUE (UNAUDITED)

		1996 Budget	1996 Actual	1997 Budget
3402	Water Supply System Charges			
	Water Charges	\$277,820	266,978	277,820
	Hydrant Fees	43,307	44,501	43,307
	Water Charge 2 (Bond)	130,000	131,156	130,000
	SUBTOTAL	451,127	442,634	451,127
3409	Other Charges			
	New Entrance	10,000	1,500	10,000
	Hydrant Repairs	1,000	3,717	1,000
	Thawing	250	0	250
	Pools	200	200	200
	Entrance Repair	2,000	470	2,000
	Turn On/Off	150	260	150
	Forestry	0	0	0
	Misc.	250	5,138	250
	Glenview Sub-Division	0	0	0
	Sale of Tractor	0	0	0
	SUBTOTAL	13,850	11,285	13,850
3502	Interest on Investments	17,000	26,247	10,000
3500	State Shared Revenue	15,000	0	36,350
	SUBTOTAL	32,000	26,247	46,350
	TOTAL REVENUES	\$496,977	480,166	511,327
Transfer Funds from Savings		75,000	35,080	20,000
	TOTAL REVENUES	\$571,977	\$515,246	\$531,327

# GOFFSTOWN VILLAGE WATER PRECINCT DETAILED BUDGET

## EXPENDITURES (UNAUDITED)

		1996 Budget	1996 Actual	1997 Budget
<b>General Government</b>				
4130	Executive Salaries	\$74,000	\$69,719	\$77,000
	<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>74,000</b>	<b>69,719</b>	<b>77,000</b>
4150	Financial Administration			
	Audit	1,000	950	1,000
	Business Supplies & Equip.	5,000	4,054	2,000
	<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>6,000</b>	<b>5,004</b>	<b>3,000</b>
4153	Legal Expenses	1,500	0	1,500
	Bond Legal	0	0	0
	<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>1,500</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,500</b>
4155	Personnel Administration			
	Payroll Taxes	5,200	5,403	6,000
	Group Health/Life ins.	12,000	14,825	14,500
	Unemployment Ins.	165	141	165
	W/C Insurance	3,000	2,293	2,000
	Retirement Fund	3,000	774	2,100
	<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>23,365</b>	<b>23,436</b>	<b>24,765</b>
4194	Gen. Govt. Build. Maint/Repair	2,700	59	2,000
	<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>2,700</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>2,000</b>
4196	Insurance			
	Liability, Property,			
	Comm./Vehicle Ins.	3,200	4,049	4,000
	Bond Ins.	200	100	0
	<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>3,400</b>	<b>4,149</b>	<b>4,000</b>
4197	Adver/Reg Assns.	2,000	844	2,000
	<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>844</b>	<b>2,000</b>
4199	Other General Government			
	Vehicle Expense	1,500	1,851	1,500
	Heat	1,000	782	1,000
	Electricity	450	395	450
	Rent	4,500	4,275	5,000
	Telephone/Beeper	3,800	2,156	3,800
	Postage	2,000	1,747	2,000
	Computer Support	400	395	400
	<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>13,650</b>	<b>11,601</b>	<b>14,150</b>
<b>Water Distribution and Treatment</b>				
4332	Water Services			
	Contract Labor	2,500	5,375	4,000
	Hydrant Repairs	3,000	3,937	3,000
	Service Repairs	5,000	4,546	5,000
	Main Repairs	7,500	4,195	7,500
	Meter Repairs	250	98	250
	Pump Repairs	1,000	1,000	1,000

# GOFFSTOWN VILLAGE WATER PRECINCT - EXPENDITURES

		1996 Budget	1996 Actual	1997 Budget
4332	Water Services (continued)			
	Equipment Repairs	250	168	250
	Road Repairs	4,500	0	4,000
	Uncanoonuc Dam Repair	1,000	20	1,000
	Thawing	0	0	0
	SUBTOTAL	25,000	19,339	26,000
4335	Water Treatment			
	Chlorine Plant/Treatment	6,000	1,300	7,050
	Electric/Chlorine	18,000	6,164	18,860
	Heat	1,000	621	800
	Electric Power to Well Pumps	8,000	4,748	8,000
	Supplies	3,000	2,021	3,000
	Water Tests	2,500	2,500	2,000
	Engineering	5,000	0	1,000
	New Services	0	249	0
	Forestry	0	1,284	0
	Glenview Sub-Division	0	0	0
	SUBTOTAL	43,500	18,887	40,710
<b>Debt Service</b>				
4711	Prin.: Long Term Bond/Notes 1	55,000	55,000	55,000
	2	60,000	60,000	60,000
4721	Int.: Long Term Bond/Notes	33,338	33,338	29,213
	- Second Bond	69,859	68,787	61,170
	SUBTOTAL	218,197	217,125	205,383
<b>Capital Outlay</b>				
4901	Land and Improvements			
	Contingency Fund	10,000	6,075	10,000
	Capital Replacement	10,000	10,000	10,000
	Upgrading Mains/System	85,507	85,508	91,319
	SUBTOTAL	105,507	101,583	111,319
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, Equipment			
	Household Meters	5,000	754	3,000
	New Equipment	4,000	3,718	4,000
	New Hydrants	10,000	6,921	10,000
	Wellhead Protection Prog.	6,658	6,657	0
	Generator	25,000	22,950	0
	SUBTOTAL	50,658	41,000	17,000
	CIP - Vehicle	2,500	2,500	2,500
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS</b>		<b>\$571,977</b>	<b>\$515,246</b>	<b>\$531,327</b>

## 1996 FILTRATION PLANT CONSTRUCTION

Proceeds from Long Term Notes/Bonds

Expended during 1996

Balance to Finish

# GRASMERE VILLAGE PRECINCT

## DETAILED BUDGET

### REVENUE

	1996 Budget	1996 Actual	1997 Budget
Balance on hand 1/1/96		\$10,577	
Hydrant Rentals	\$ 8,621	\$ 4,625	\$ 9,320
Water Rents	73,000	86,374	77,470
New Installations	2,000	2,249	3,210
Interest	85	82	725
Contract Medford Farms	4,800	2,400	4,800
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$88,506</b>	<b>\$106,307</b>	<b>\$95,525</b>

### EXPENDITURES

Cost of Water	\$54,700	\$47,394	\$55,000
Salaries	3,250	3,351	4,200
Contract Labor	15,250	8,430	15,250
Maintenance Supplies	3,000	1,438	3,000
Office Supplies, Postage, Phone	1,000	1,091	1,500
Telephone, Electricity	700	962	2,000
Water Testing	100	259	600
Bond & Insurance	250	—	—
Snow Plowing	250	735	800
Miscellaneous	800	1,205	1,200
Trans. to Capital Fund	5,000	36,371	5,000
Capital Expenditures	—	—	—
Special Projects	—	—	—
Refund		84	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$84,300</b>	<b>\$101,320</b>	<b>\$88,550</b>

### BALANCE SHEET

#### ASSETS

Cash on hand 12/31/96 (General Fund Check Book)	\$8,901
On Dep. NHDPIP Cap. Res.	\$42,088
Int. Earned on Cap. Reserve for Mo.	\$126
Total Cash Available	\$51,116

#### LIABILITIES

Bills Owed by Precinct (Contract Labor)	0
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Arthur Rose, *Chairman*



# MARRIAGES 1996

DATE	NAMES	PLACE OF RESIDENCE	WHERE MARRIED
Jan. 13	Joseph T. Ansely	Goffstown	Goffstown
	Sandra L. Dicamillo	Goffstown	
19	Michael Joseph Boyd	Goffstown	Bedford
	Denise Maris Dalbec	Goffstown	
Feb. 10	Jean L. Murray	Portsmouth	Bedford
	Vivian J. Schwotzer	Goffstown	
14	Raymond Lowe Pare	Goffstown	Goffstown
	Patricia Ann Parker	Goffstown	
24	John A. Diamantoplos	Goffstown	Manchester
	Anita D. Bouchard	Goffstown	
25	David Lewis	Goffstown	Goffstown
	Irene Rita Thornton	Goffstown	
28	Roland Edward Duval	Goffstown	Kapalua,
	Cynthia Ann Brouillette	Goffstown	Maui
Mar. 9	Ralf Baumann	Manchester	Goffstown
	Kara Kilmartin	Goffstown	
17	Randy Phillip Lover	Goffstown	Dunbarton
	Christine Susan Deshaies	Goffstown	
23	Peter Perry	Goffstown	Derry
	Lisa Currier	Goffstown	
23	Daniel F. Pelletier	Goffstown	Manchester
	Donna Lynn Beasley	Epping	
Apr. 6	Robert Wesley McAfee	Goffstown	Woodstock
	Heather An Thompson	Goffstown	
20	Mark Pierre Brideau	Nashua	Manchester
	Lisa Margaret Gamache	Goffstown	
27	Jason A. Wood	Goffstown	Bedford
	Kathy K. Hebert	Goffstown	
27	Albert R. Lambert	Goffstown	Manchester
	Linda B. Forcier	Goffstown	
May 4	Christopher Shawn Renn	Goffstown	Manchester
	Kimberly Ann Grandmaison	Goffstown	
11	Keith Silva	Goffstown	Manchester
	Priscilla Haskell	Goffstown	
18	Jonathan Kenneth MacDonald	Goffstown	Jackson
	Patricia Ann Kelly	Goffstown	
18	Ronald Normand Gamache	Goffstown	Londonderry
	Holley Ann Sestito	Goffstown	
18	Martin Alec Walker	Waltham Ma	Bedford
	Amy Elizabeth Ott	Goffstown	

DATE	NAMES	PLACE OF RESIDENCE	WHERE MARRIED
May 18	Richard Aram Gulezian	Goffstown	Bedford
	Susan Theresa Swenson	Goffstown	
19	James M. Bono	Goffstown	Bedford
	Melanie E. Nold	Goffstown	
19	Robert Leo Laplante	Goffstown	Manchester
	Michele Beique	Goffstown	
24	William Frank Robinson Jr.	Manchester	Goffstown
	Virginia Mary Byrnes	Goffstown	
25	Jim Duston Mussey	Manchester	Manchester
	Lynn Marie Trantham	Goffstown	
25	Alfred L. Johnson	No. Fort Myers, FL	
	Lillian E. Goonana	Goffstown	Goffstown
June 1	Gerard G. Normand	Goffstown	Manchester
	Rocio G. Arostegui	Goffstown	
1	Keith G. Van Der Putten	Goffstown	Manchester
	Roxanne Julie Raymond	Goffstown	
2	Brett Lee Hupfer	Goffstown	Manchester
	April Lyn Bastiani	Goffstown	
8	Kris Jameson Roy	Goffstown	Francestown
	Maria Renee Davison	Goffstown	
8	Christopher Paul Mitchell	Goffstown	Manchester
	Kritstina Anne Huntley	Bow	
12	Robert Joseph Brodeur, Jr.	Manchester	Littleton
	Mary Danielle Cahill	Goffstown	
13	Daniel Francis Mahoney	Goffstown	Manchester
	Gail Marie Repoza	Manchester	
22	Richard Paul Davenport	Goffstown	Merrimack
	Stephanie Ann Kolb	Merrimack	
28	Wayne E. McKenna	Manchester	Goffstown
	Cathy Ellen Hetzel	Goffstown	
28	Chris Roger Joyce	Manchester	Manchester
	Michelle Lynn Gallipeau	Goffstown	
29	William C. Sarette	Goffstown	Goffstown
	Adele Bradley	Goffstown	
29	Steven Draper	Goffstown	Goffstown
	Kimberly Kruger	Goffstown	
July 6	Jeffrey Allen Tremblay	Goffstown	Gilford
	Tracey Lynn Caron	Goffstown	
12	Douglas Arthur Barry	Manchester	Manchester
	Sandra Ona Smith	Goffstown	
20	Gregory A. Tracy	Goffstown	Bedford
	Kathryn E. Fullam	Goffstown	
20	Robert Ralph Prince	Goffstown	Candia
	Elizabeth J. Thomas	Goffstown	

DATE	NAMES	PLACE OF RESIDENCE	WHERE MARRIED
July 26	John Allan Kissell Pauline Lillian Martin	Litchfield Goffstown	Manchester
27	Paul Mitchell Beaulieu Margo Marie Larrabee	Goffstown Goffstown	Litchfield
27	Daniel R. Noel Jennifer L. Ducharme	Goffstown Goffstown	Hudson
27	Shawn McLeod April Weeks	Franklin Goffstown	Derry
28	William Norman Arnold Lily Belle Zoller	Goffstown Durham	Dover
Aug. 3	Paul R. Goulet Linda M. Therrien	Goffstown Manchester	Manchester
10	Adam Jeffrey Osburn Rebecca Anne Henault	Goffstown Goffstown	Goffstown
17	James R. Beauchemin Susan I. Miller	Goffstown Goffstown	Goffstown
17	Frederick A. Lombardi Jr. Donna M. Goss	Goffstown Goffstown	Manchester
17	Robert Charles Stemska Lisa Jean Sutherland	Goffstown Goffstown	Manchester
24	David Allen Barnard Khisha Pratt	Goffstown Malden, MA	Franconia
24	Carl Joseph Tousignant Lisa J. Gaudio	Franklin Goffstown	Manchester
24	Christopher James Basha Carrie Ann Dodge	Goffstown Goffstown	Londonderry
24	Steve Jean Labbe Amy Marie Lapierre	Goffstown Goffstown	Goffstown
31	Michael John Snook Gina Beth Shea	Goffstown Goffstown	Francestown
31	Glenn Stevens Cynthia Lee Ross	Goffstown Goffstown	Derry
Sept. 1	Ronald Bertrand Gagnon Susen Marie Waterhouse	Goffstown Goffstown	Manchester
7	David Ernie Wike Jacqueline Marie Kelley	Goffstown Goffstown	Manchester
14	Jeffrey C. Dutch Lisa M. Vigneault	Goffstown Goffstown	Goffstown
14	Daniel David Gagnon Tina Marie Radwanski	Goffstown Goffstown	Bedford
14	Robert James Diluzio, Jr. Jennifer Ashley Butler	Keene Goffstown	Keene
15	Frank G. Charbonneau Ann M. Collins	Goffstown Goffstown	Bedford

DATE	NAMES	PLACE OF RESIDENCE	WHERE MARRIED
Sept. 21	Stewart Edward Cloutier Kristen Ann Goode	Manchester Goffstown	Lincoln
21	Charles A. Ulcickas Jennifer L. Tuchman	Goffstown Goffstown	Seabrook
27	Scott Alan Heidenreich Gena J. Williams	Goffstown Goffstown	Manchester
29	Kosmas Koufopoulos Anita L. Santos	Goffstown Goffstown	Goffstown
Oct. 5	Laurence L. Pinard Edith Gosselin	Goffstown Goffstown	Manchester
25	Daniel Joseph Dandurand Coreen Lynn Vaillancourt	Goffstown Goffstown	Manchester
26	Edward M. Zierhoffer Constance R. Hughes	Goffstown Goffstown	Manchester
26	Richard M. Wood Pauline A. Paradis	Goffstown Goffstown	Goffstown
Nov. 9	Steven Brian Choquette Melanie Ann Gagnon	Goffstown Goffstown	Manchester
17	Shawn C. Morin Brandy Ann Quinn	Goffstown Manchester	Manchester
22	William Andrew Wilcox Judith Ann Beausoleil	Goffstown Goffstown	Bedford
30	Scott James Sutherland Bethany May Ling	Goffstown Laconia	Laconia
30	Roger James Lyon Virginia Marie Green	Derry Goffstown	Goffstown
Dec. 7	Timothy Normand Swan Lisa Ann Martin	Manchester Goffstown	Derry
7	Todd M. Joyce Kim Malette	Goffstown Goffstown	Goffstown
27	Marc Phillip Bosse Brenda Jean Boisvert	New Boston	Bedford
28	Felix Alfred Catudal Elyce Margaret Corbin	Goffstown Goffstown	Manchester

TOTAL MARRIAGES: 81

# BIRTHS 1996

BIRTH DATE		NAME OF NEWBORN NAME OF PARENTS
Jan.	1	GARRIC WHITEWOLF SHIPP Richard Clark III and Candace Christine (McCarthy) Shipp
	1	BRIANA JEAN STANLEY Brian Scott and Audrey Jane (Burke) Stanley
	4	TREVOR JACOB DIAMOND Richard Edwin and Mary Ellen (Dluski) Diamond
	5	JOSHUA MAITLON BELZ Bradford James and Ann (Rexford) Belz
	5	BRANDON THOMAS HALL David Thomas and Melanie Jean (Palmer) Hall
	8	MOLLY ELIZABETH McKAY Peter Alfred and Celia Maire (Fournier) McKay
	13	BRITTANY RAE DESROCHE Raymond Joseph II and Rachel Ann (Rivard) Desroche
	21	EVANDER GRAY KISSELL RAINVILLE Joseph Louis and Susan Kissell-Rainville
	26	THOMAS JAMES HURLEY Mark Joseph and Anastasia (Young) Hurley
	31	IAN JOSEPH GILBERT Ivan Gilles Gilbert and Kelly Ann Lambert
Feb.	9	SYDNEY EMMA KIMBALL Marc Irving and Susanne Jane (Babiec) Kimball
	11	NICOLE ANN CORNETT Gerald Thomas and Colleen Rebecca (Howard) Cornett
	15	PHILIP NICHOLAS McCALLUM Philip Leonard Jr. and Keri (Tate) McCallum
	16	BENJAMIN HANSEN GOSS Charles Chapin and Lynette Marie (Eaton) Goss
	17	BRITTANY ANN CHAPUT Richard Gordon Jr. and Anita Rae (Beauclair) Chaput
	19	MITCHELL WILLIAM CUSSON Marc Leonard and Christine (Tsetseranos) Cusson
	20	JONATHAN MICHAEL AMEEN Edward John and Susan Janet (Chandonnet) Ameen
	21	KALLIE MARIAH TABOR Joseph Benjamin Jr. and Dawn Marie (Dolan) Tabor
	27	ROSS PAUL THEROUX David Paul and Jennifer Leigh (Mason) Theroux

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March 7	HANNAH MARIE KINGSTON David Jonathan and Heather Sue (McMahon) Kingston
10	ALEX LEONARD LUNDERVILLE Rodney James and Michelle Christine (Martineau) Lunderville
13	ASHLEY NICOLE SOUCY James Lionel and Kathy Ann (Michaud) Soucy
16	EMILY LOUISE WARD Andrew Joseph and Pamela Sue (Hade) Ward
17	ALICIA MARIE URELLA Anthony John Urella and Debrah Lynn Pomelow
18	JUSTIN MICHAEL WHITNEY David Botsford and Yvonne Simonne (Brodeur) Whitney
20	JOSPEH PATRICK GARRON Gordon David and Martha Diane (Higgins) Garron
22	HOLLY CHRISTINE WAJENBERG Earl Sherman Wajenberg and Christine Holly Daniels
22	NATHAN MICHAEL BLANCHARD Michael David and Carolyn Theresa (Gober) Blanchard
27	KAELYN LEIGH SULLIVAN Michael John and Lisa Dawn (Pelczarski) Sullivan
April 1	MACKENZIE ROSE CRARY Jonathan Fialho and Caroline Rose (Croteau) Crary
2	HALEY ANN MALLOY Howard George Jr. and Michele Doreen (Archambault) Malloy
4	RACHEL ELIZABETH KEITH Gary Stuart and Lia Marie (Donnelly) Keith
5	ALEX STEVEN DION Raymond Aime and Tamara Marie (LaPlante) Dion
8	MEAGAN KATHRYN CLICKNER Bryan Wesley and Melissa Ann (Tidball) Clickner
9	MIRANDA LIN REMILLARD Christopher Alen and Angela Christine (Deguire) Remillard
9	SHANNON MELROSE MEYER Raymond Martin and Sherry Lee (Bouchard) Meyer
11	EMILY MADISON LAFRANCE David Emerson and Andrea Donelle (McComsey) Lafrance
19	TAYLOR MARIE GAGNON Jeffrey Richard and Debra Jo (Smith) Gagnon
27	COLBEY DAVID DECOTIS Gregory Roy and Susan Marie (Moulton) Decotis

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April	28	ALEXIS VALERIE FELT William Leroux Felt and Kerry Lee Duke
May	2	MICHAEL DUNCAN SIMONS Richard Alan and Lori Ann (Labrie) Simons
	6	SOPHIA GRACE CHALSMA Andrew Howard Lockwood and Amy Lou (Lockwood) Chalsma
	8	NATHAN TUCKER ANDERSON Michael Ross and Kristina Leigh (Bussiere) Anderson
	9	DANIELLE CHRISTINE GAUGHAN Joseph John and Karen Lee (Kellish) Gaughan
	9	CATHERINE IRENE GAUGHAN Joseph John and Karen Lee (Kellish) Gaughan
	13	HANNAH LYN MAYR Johann Hansi and Holly Lynn (Brooks) Mayr
	19	KYLA MARIE BEAM Daniel Lee and Kathleen (Gonyea) Beam
	20	JESSICA LYNN WILLIAMSON Bruce Alan and Rachel Louise (Moore) Williamson
	21	KYLE ANDREW GAGE James Scott and Beth Jean (Duguay) Gage
	24	LINDSEY MARIE LORD Raymond Edward Jr. and Helen Marie (Cloutier) Lord
	24	EMMA KAITLYN LITTLE Richard Russell and Leah Eden (Ekdahl) Little
	24	RACHEL SHERIDAN WILLARD Enoch Francis and Diane Helen (MacWhinnie) Willard
	27	NICHOLAS LOGAN ZYLAK Thomas Robert and Kathleen Anne (Blouin) Zylak
	31	BENJAMIN JOSEPH MARTIN Richard Dennis and Julia Marcella (Eustis) Martin
	31	ALEX MATTHEW DUVAL Alan Larry Duval and Tricia Ann Clay
June	6	PEYTON JACQUELINE MOODY John Alden and Susan Elizabeth (Datson) Moody
	14	BRADLEY RICHARD CHAPDELAINE Gary Richard and Marcia Beth (St. Cyr) Chapdelaine
	16	RYAN TYLER PINARD Denis Roger Jr. and Melanie Robin (Seymour) Pinard
	16	ALEXANDRA LYNN FOSTER James J. and Nancy Lynn (Brown) Foster

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June 18	MICHAEL JAMES MORRISON Richard Paul and Deborah Ann (Keane) Morrison
19	RILEY SAVANNAH BELIVEAU Randy Maurice and Gioia Elise Feick-Beliveau
25	CODY PHILIP HEBERT Ronald Philip and Donna Marie (Robidoux) Hebert
25	EMILY LOUISE CHARLOTTE PLANTE David Charles and Susan Gail (Meier) Plante
26	BRIAN DONALD QUIGLEY Donald Brian and Dianne Frances (Shelc) Quigley
26	KAYLIE KENNEDY PIECUCH Kenneth Piecuch and Karen Mary Kennedy
27	BYRNE WILLIAM CRONIN Mark William and Meaghan Mary (Byrne) Cronin
July 5	JILLIAN IVY ZELENSKY Jon Edward and Jeanne Marie (Cavallaro) Zellensky
6	TIMOTHY CHARLES RIEHL John Allen and Deeann Pauline (Lavoie) Riehl
6	MORGAN ELIZABETH GILLIS Michael David Gillis and Danene Judanne Shiffer
6	JACK DAVID MOLONEY David William and Christine (McLaughlin) Moloney
7	HANNAH BROOKE BERGERON Peter Joseph and Heidi Ann (Perkins) Bergeron
7	MICAH DAVID EARL ANDERSON Blake Calvin and Carol Lynn (Sweet) Anderson
9	TIFFANY AMBER DIFRANCO Thomas Michael and Donna Pauline (Lord) Difranco
10	BRIAN LUIS TORRES Luis Manuel and Cynthia Ann (Buzzell) Torres
11	MORGAN MARIE FIFIELD Glen Roy and Donna Marie (Valcourt) Fifield
11	ALEEM ZAKI Asad Mohamed and Raana Anwaruddin
13	SIDNEY JANE ELITHORPE Michael Todd and Susan Lea (Jacques) Elithorpe
15	ALLISON RUTH CLARK James Bucklin and Susan Tracey (Dalrymple) Clark
17	PAIGE VALERIE ST. GEORGE Robert Clarence III and Kimberly Ann (Patenaude) St. George



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July	26	SYDNI IRIE TROMBLY Thomas Michael Trombly and Cheryl Marie Auclair
	26	CHEYENNE THERESA CREMEANS Christopher Allen and Kerrie Ann (Morgan) Cremeans
	28	MICHAEL THOMAS BOLDUC Danny Paul Bolduc and Shannon Leigh Busch
Aug.	4	COLLIN JOHNATHAN BOWDEN Craig John and Chrisinda Rae (Brown) Bowden
	12	ALEXANDRA ELIZABETH MORRELL Michael John and Kimbely Ann (Mitchell) Morrell
	12	RYAN PAUL NAULT Paul Richard and Sharon Mary (O'Neil) Nault
	15	JOSHUA TIMOTHY PIFER Timothy Jay and Julie An (Kelsey) Pifer
	21	CONNOR THEODORE BLACK Thomas Brent and Carolyn Ann (Cane) Black
	21	NAKAHLA ANITA JENNINGS Peter Herbert and Nadine Estelle (Kahle) Jennings
	23	JOSHUA TYLER ALLEN Daniel Edward and Gina Marie (Letizio) Allen
	26	ALEXIS LEE CONDON Michael James and Diana Lynn (Chabot) Condon
	26	SADIE ANNE SCHAFFNER Ivan Richard Jr. and Elaine (Merkley) Shaffner
	29	ERIK HANS BAUMANN Ralf Juergen and Kara Leigh (Kilmartin) Baumann
	30	JACOB LEE OLLILA Robert George and Robin Lee (Roy) Ollila
Sept.	3	ZACHARY RAY ROY Raymond George and Monica Shirley (Lamper) Roy
	3	ERIC NELSON BROOKS Kenneth Harold Jr. and Lori Marie (Nelson) Brooks
	6	EMMA ISOUDA RYLE David and Susan Patricia (Robinson) Ryle
	12	JODIE MARIE HYLAND Michael John and Colleen Dare (Sheffer) Hyland
	17	MEGAN MARIE OSSENFORT James Herbert and Kristine Marie (Lefrancois) Ossenfort
	23	JOSEPH PAUL CAMPBELL Ian and Anne Marie Rita (Alix) Campbell

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Sept. 23	JULIA ANNE PRZEKAZA Michael Thomas and Catherine Elisabeth (Mortimer) Przekaza
23	KATHERINE MARGARET BATTEY Mark Stewart and Angela Margaret (McBride) Battey
25	NINA MARIE PEREZ Richard Hudon and Carolyn Alane (Basso) Perez
26	COLLEEN LYNN FITZPATRICK John Joseph and Tammy Lynn (Haldane) Fitzpatrick
28	BRIAN LAWRENCE CURRAN Lawrence Broman and Jennifer Ann (Cote) Curran
30	ASHLEY ROSE PINAULT John Rene and Nicolle Rose (Denoncourt) Pinault
Oct. 3	DANIEL-JESUS LABIB CORA Jesus Daniel Cora and Suzy Ahmed Labib
8	CASSIDY ANN BLOUIN Ronald Geroge and Joyce Ann (Dugrenier) Blouin
9	THOMAS JAMES BARTLETT James Paul and Blanche Evelyn (Blake) Bartlett
9	LOGAN PINARD KENNEY Joseph John and Kristen Merina (Pinard) Kenney
9	ALEC WEISER JUSTASON Eric Jon and Barbara Ann (Weiser) Justason
13	LAWRENCE MATTHEW GILLIGAN Lawrence Shermand and Tina Louise (Leach) Gilligan
16	JUSTIN ROSAIRE MAILHOT Donald Rosaire and Ann Maria (Considine) Mailhot
16	ANDREW RAYMOND GUILLEMETTE Paul Raymond and Dicksie (Chapman) Guillemette
17	AUSTIN WILLIAM BERKOWITZ Todd Allen and Lisa Ann (Everett) Berkowitz
19	CATHERINE ANN HODGDON Patrick William and Carol Ann (Pomerlow) Hodgdon
22	RILEY TAYLOR HOFFMAN Ronald Thomasa and Susan Laura (Violette) Hoffman
23	MICHAEL ANDREW PYSZKA Andrew Joseph and Suzanne Louise (Page) Pyszka
24	KAYLA MICHELE SIEGFRIED Christopher Michael and Sylvie Laurette (Goulet) Siegfried
25	ALLISON ANNE BOUCHARD Steven Paul and Heidi Lee (Hueber) Bouchard

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Oct.	27	TAYLOR STEVEN GAGNON Donald Raymond and Kristine Rachel (Dyer) Gagnon
	28	KAYLEE ELIZABETH BURBANK Brian Randy and Paula Marie (Mitchell) Burbank
	29	MATTHEW MICHAEL COLLINS Mark Louis and Laura Lee (Marino) Collins
	29	THOMAS ARTHUR GLISSON Michael Ray and Marie Christine (Mollenhauer) Glisson
	31	MADYSON ABAIGAE MACKENZIE James Andrew and Jerri Lavan (Desanno) MacKenzie
Nov.	12	ROSS MICHAEL ORSUCCI Dana Anthony and Kristin Lee (Heyman) Orsucci
	14	MATTHEW LAURENCE McGRATH Laurence Wilford McGrath III and Kerry Lyn Sirois
	15	TRACY LAVON BOURASSA Richard Martin and Regina Lavon (Kelm) Bourassa
	16	KAYLEIGH ELIZABETH CROCKER Jeffrey Thomas and Sherri Lynn (Hebert) Crocker
	23	RYAN WALLACE STEEN Raymond Wallace and Gina Marie (Carmolli) Steen
	24	MADISON TAYLOR YEAGER-ALLARD Keith David Allard and Mikaela Beth Yeager
	25	SARAH EVELYN DROHAN William Francis Jr. and Alice May (Pinard) Drohan
	28	ERIC MICHAEL SURAK Joseph Frederick and Janet Marie (Austen) Surak
Dec.	4	REBECCA ELIZABETH DUVAL Mark Brian and Nine Evelyn (Rowe) Duval
	5	BRANDON JOSEPH GOUDREAU Kenneth James and Kelly Lynn (Johnson) Goudreau
	18	JUSTIN JAMES MICKELSON James Arthur and Tammy Celest (Matarozzo) Mickelson
	29	AMANDA GRACE AUSTIN William Roger and Patricia Ann (Rozamus) Austin
	30	BOYD ANDREW ETHEREDGE Timothy Bryan and Joyce Janet (Belanger) Etheredge
	30	JACK MACLEOD RUSSO David Douglas Sr. and Colleen Bridget (Kenney) Russo

TOTAL BIRTHS: 141

# DEATHS 1996

DATE		NAME	AGE	PLACE
Jan.	1	Cecile C. Forcier	88	Manchester
	4	Karen Jo Untiet	38	Manchester
	4	Frank Edward Bishop, Sr.	75	Manchester
	6	Albert P. Gauthier	85	Manchester
	8	Everett Ray Nichols	67	Goffstown
	10	CecileViolette Perras	79	Manchester
	11	William Joseph St. Germain	88	Goffstown
	18	Edward G. St. Aubin	84	Manchester
	20	Stanley Michael Keith	82	Goffstown
	21	Bernard Eugene O'Brien	81	Goffstown
	31	Edmond I. Moineau	75	Florida
Feb.	1	Emma Emelia Hutchinson	83	Manchester
	1	Ralph P. Hurley	80	Manchester
	3	Gordon Butler McDonald	69	Manchester
	4	Samuel William Gruber	88	Goffstown
	8	Catherine C. Cutter	82	Manchester
	19	Beatrice Kowaloski	77	Manchester
	21	Andre P. Melanson	44	Manchester
	25	Albani J. Lampron	68	Manchester
March	2	Ronald Amie Simard	45	Goffstown
	8	Norman Frederick Warren	82	Manchester
	10	Laurel George Chute	84	Manchester
	11	Laurier J. Lavallee	84	Goffstown
	12	Lawrence W. Brouillet, Sr.	66	Goffstown
	14	Stanley R. Gladysz	59	Manchester
	20	James D. Labossiere	45	Manchester
	23	John Joseph Kissel	75	Manchester
	23	Robert Hall Preston	85	Manchester
April	6	Catherine Julia Piper	97	Goffstown
	10	Louis L. Gill	71	Manchester
	11	Emil M. Nawoj	76	Concord
	15	Barbara Ryan Butterworth	67	Manchester
	15	Isabelle J. Gilbert	78	Goffstown
	16	Alice C. Provencher	80	Manchester
	18	Rose Alma Lacourse	85	Goffstown
	21	Cecelia D. Mahony	70	Manchester
	27	Donald Jerome Sweeney	75	Goffstown
May	3	Santo Calabro	81	Manchester
	5	Michael C. Noyes	50	Manchester
	6	Gerald Robert Parker	74	Manchester
	6	Beatrice M. Campbell	82	Concord
	9	Harvey Sylvio Plourde	61	Sunapee
	10	Neva M. Gonthier	80	Manchester

DATE		NAME	AGE	PLACE
May	13	Simonne A. Demers	83	Goffstown
	15	Margaret G. Rich	90	Mass.
	17	Susan Ivy Becker	43	Manchester
	19	Helen Christiansen	99	Goffstown
	30	Allen B. Heafield	68	Goffstown
June	10	Fredrick Arthur Kellett	79	Manchester
	11	Valentine P. Podlaski	79	Manchester
	11	Regina K. Lafave	76	Goffstown
	12	John Edward Gilman	63	Manchester
	13	Aldea Marie Soucy	95	Manchester
	15	Helen C. Greywacz	84	Goffstown
	20	Alex Lizotte	2 days	Manchester
	28	Anne L. Miller	92	Goffstown
	29	Juliette Gaudreault	77	Goffstown
	30	Bryan Lizotte	12 days	Manchester
July	4	Robert J. Otterson	77	Goffstown
	5	Annette Marie Sawyer	54	Manchester
	6	Marjorie Ann Reece	70	Concord
	8	Alice May Willard	95	Goffstown
	8	Esther May Broad	88	Manchester
	11	Stanley J. Botor	83	Manchester
	14	Georgianna Artz	88	Goffstown
	14	Maurice R. Dugrenier	65	Manchester
	15	Margaret S. Paradis	77	Manchester
	18	Charles W. Hitchcock	75	Manchester
	20	Paul J. Charpentier	80	Manchester
	21	John A. Sorrentino, Sr.	74	Manchester
	22	Suzanne M. Roy	53	Lebanon
	25	Leo J. Deroche	83	Manchester
Aug.	4	Marion Woodbury	90	Bedford
	9	John W. King	79	Manchester
	13	Richard G. Arel	59	Manchester
	16	Rosario Rheault	82	Goffstown
	16	Annette Dorval	62	Manchester
	20	Louise Clara Sherlock	74	Goffstown
	20	Carleton L. Richardson	72	Goffstown
	26	Margaret Howe	80	Bedford
	27	Thomas Peter Hayward	56	Goffstown
Sept.	1	Robert Theodore Pare	67	Goffstown
	2	Marvin Eulas Akerly	75	Goffstown
	3	Joseph Walker, Jr.	48	Goffstown
	3	Wayne Francis Eaton	46	Manchester
	4	Martin T. P. O'Grady	66	Goffstown
	10	George Theodore Aimo	92	Goffstown
	10	Charles Robert Cerato	55	Goffstown
	18	Shirley Blood	93	Goffstown

DATE	NAME	AGE	PLACE
Sept.	25 Roland D. Loiselle	78	Goffstown
	26 Kamren Stephen Counter	24 days	Goffstown
	28 Agnes M. O'Byrne	103	Goffstown
Oct.	1 Clara Alice Lussier	75	Goffstown
	2 Rachel R. Brouillet	66	Bedford
	4 Anna Mary Simard	87	Goffstown
	4 Jeannette M. Richer	69	Manchester
	10 Mary Alice Prasch	85	Goffstown
	12 Harry Hackett	93	Goffstown
	16 John S. Williams Sr.	46	Manchester
	16 Omer Donat Cameron	82	Goffstown
	21 Clifton Harold Glover	97	Goffstown
	24 Fr. George Bernard Holmes	82	Manchester
	27 Rodgers A. Boutwell	71	Manchester
	28 Eva A. Bergeron	90	Goffstown
	30 Ann Laubacher	79	Goffstown
Nov.	2 Pauline F. Desrochers	66	Manchester
	3 Juliette Desharnais	94	Manchester
	12 Alpha J. Lemay	88	Manchester
	18 Therese Houle	90	Goffstown
	19 Helen Barbara Holt	82	Goffstown
Dec.	3 E. Bruce Bynum	68	Manchester
	4 Anita R. Guillemette	62	Goffstown
	21 Emelda Lea Racicot	90	Goffstown
	22 Sophronia E. Archibald	87	Goffstown
	25 Armand Isidore Florand	86	Manchester

TOTAL DEATHS: 115

## INTERMENTS 1996

Name	Age	Date of Death	Date of Burial
WESTLAWN CEMETERY			
Robert VanHoughton	86	12/1/95	5/13/96
Karen Untiet	38	1/4/96	5/15/96
Catherine Gervais	85	3/14/96	5/13/96
Norman Warren	82	10/15/96	10/15/96
John Kissel	75	3/23/96	3/27/96
Harvey Plourde	61	5/9/96	5/13/96
Margaret Rich	90	5/15/96	5/19/96
Allen Heafield	68	5/30/96	6/3/96
John Gilman	63	6/12/96	6/15/96
Alice Bean	75	7/5/96	7/19/96
Herbert Slattum	73	7/10/96	7/29/96

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Maurice Dugrenier	65	7/14/96	7/18/96
Charles Warner	100	8/28/96	9/16/96
Beverly Buxton	63	10/2/96	10/7/96
Ellen Riehl	93	10/13/96	10/16/96
Mary Jo Wike	41	10/28/96	10/30/96
Berkeley Hosmer	82	11/21/96	11/25/96
Arthur Rice		12/25/96	12/30/96
Mary Noreen	71	12/28/96	12/31/96

#### SHIRLEY HILL CEMETERY

Grace Gage	81	12/20/96	5/6/96
Charles Leighty	46	4/11/96	5/6/96
Isabelle Gilbert	78	4/15/96	5/16/96
Phyliss Milne	70	7/1/96	7/5/96
Carrie Hall	45	8/23/96	8/27/96
Robert Pare	67	9/1/96	9/5/96
George Aimo	92	9/10/96	9/15/96
Kamren Counter	24 days	9/26/96	9/30/96

#### HILLSIDE CEMETERY

Robert Preston	85	3/23/96	3/27/96
Matthew Pettengill, Jr.	1 day	6/15/96	6/19/96

TOTAL INTERMENTS: 29



**BUDGET COMMITTEE:** (L-R) Timothy Hanson, David Enos, Peter Henk, Chairman Peter Georgantas, Robert Draper, Jon Barton, Karl MacGibbon, Sel. Rep. John Davis, William Tucker, Thomas Kiander, Preston Lawrance, Jan Soderquist, Susan Phillips, Katherine Fallon. Absent: John Turner, Sel. Rep. Robert Wheeler, Goffstown Water Precinct Rep. Henry Boyle.

# SCHOOL BOARD REPORT

## SCHOOL BOARD YEAR IN REVIEW

1996 began with delayed school openings or outright cancellations due to the record snowfall experienced last winter. In March we welcomed new Board members Randy Benthien, Bill Totherow and Pam Manney and a new student representative from GHS, Sarah Bruno.

Steve O'Neil resigned as Principal of Mountain View Middle School. Rose Colby was named as interim principal, and we began the search for the person who would be the second person to be the Principal at MVMS. After reviewing a number of resumes and interviewing candidates, we realized that we had found our Principal "right in our own back yard." After seventeen years in the Goffstown School District as a science teacher, department head and assistant principal, Rose Larochelle Colby was named Principal at MVMS.

Three veteran teachers retired at the end of the school year, Irene Willey from Maple Avenue Elementary School, Barbara Carbonneau from Mountain View Middle School, and Lee Duncan from Bartlett Elementary School. All three left the district with their students' and the community's best wishes for a wonderful retirement.

June brought the loss of Board members Paul Lambert and Jane Exner and the beginning of plans for a Goffstown School Board retreat. Ginny McKinnon was appointed to fill the vacancy created by Jane Exner's resignation. After a couple of false starts, the Board and Administration met for an entire day at MVMS to talk about education. This retreat was followed by several work sessions that developed a strategic plan for 96/97 and 97/98. One step in the plan began in September with the publication of our first column in the Goffstown News.

The reaccreditation process began at GHS in the Fall of 1995 with the school beginning its self-study. Throughout '96 several committees worked on the huge task of getting down on paper all the information that details all aspects of life at GHS. In April of '97 the visiting committee from the New England Association of Schools and Colleges will spend several days at the school and in the community and will submit their findings in the Fall. This is a very arduous process for a school to go through, but it brings an independent evaluation of our school and how well we are serving our students.

Immediately after the visit from the reaccreditation team, GHS will be hosting the Yankee Thespian Showcase on April 18 and 19. High School drama groups from the six New England states, New York and Canada will perform here in Goffstown.

In March the voters of Goffstown approved the Senate Bill 2 process for future town and school elections. We will no longer adopt our budgets at Town and District Meetings but in the voting booth. There is some apprehension as we approach this new process, because some of us feel that Senate Bill 2 is incomplete legislation and will lead to the courtroom for some towns and school districts. We are doing our best to follow this new law so that the Goffstown School District will emerge from this new process with a clean bill of health.

Suzanne Tremblay, *Chair*  
Goffstown School Board



# 1996 GOFFSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING

GOFFSTOWN HIGH SCHOOL - MARCH 16, 1996 1:00 P.M.

Moderator Larry Emerton called the 1996 School District Meeting to order at 1:18 p.m.

Kendra Harden, the student who designed the Town Report Cover, and Donna Kelly led those assembled in the Pledge.

The Moderator introduced the officials for the School District Meeting including himself, Paul Smith, Assistant Moderator, and School District Clerk, Brenda Henk. He also introduced the Principals of the Goffstown District that were present.

The Moderator commented on this being the last School District Meeting due to the passage of Senate Bill 2.

At this time School Board Chairman, Tess Marts thanked the three new School Board Members for running for the seats available and introduced them as Randy Benthien, William Totherow and Pam Manney.

A special recognition was given to Principal William Marston who will retire from the High School Principalship in June. The crowd gave a standing ovation.

Chairman Marts gave praise to those she has served with and a brief reflection of her year as School Board Chairman. She stated that she appreciated the cooperation and honesty of the Budget Committee as well as the conflict because communication remained open.

Recognition was given to the Goffstown Truck Center's Pete Jenkins, Burt Pepin and Karen Millette for the outstanding job done for OM Regionals providing shuttle bus service.

Eric Cady, a MVMS 7th grader, was acknowledged for an outstanding job done at the Spelling Bee Championships.

Chairman Marts gave special thanks and plaques to outgoing School Board Members William Mackenzie and Robert Torpey.

School Board Vice-Chairman, Jane Exner presented Outgoing School Board Member, Tess Marts, with a plaque and the crowd gave Ms. Marts a standing ovation.

At this time Moderator Emerton went over the rules that applied to this meeting and the RSA 40:10 regarding reconsideration.

Moderator Emerton read the Posting of the 1996 School District Warrant and began the reading of the Warrant.

Fred Plett motioned to dispense with the reading of the Warrant and to take each article up separately. Second by Robert Wheeler.

All in favor by voice vote. Motion carries.

## ARTICLE 1

To determine and appoint salaries of the School Board and fix the compensation of any other Officer or Agent of the District, or take any other action in relation thereto.

MOTION by Robert Torpey: I move that the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer and the compensation of any other officer or agent of the School District be accepted as printed in the Town Report. SECOND by Michael York

DISCUSSION – Mr. Torpey stated that the motion speaks for itself and there is no truant officer.

Charles Carr stated that he hoped that this would be the last time to see or hear this and Article 2. With the passing of Senate Bill 2 it will anyway.

With no further discussion the Moderator called for the vote.

All in favor with a voice vote. Motion carries.

## ARTICLE 2

To hear the reports of the Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto, or to take any other action in relation thereto.

MOTION by Robert Torpey: I move that the reports of the Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers chosen, be accepted as presented in the Town Report and to pass any vote related thereto. SECOND by Michael York

NO DISCUSSION. Voice vote in the affirmative. Motion carries.

## ARTICLE 3

To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate a supplemental appropriation of NINETY-TWO THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SIXTY-NINE DOLLARS (\$92,369.00) for additional special education costs for the current school year (1995-1996), or to take any other action in relation thereto. This amount will be funded from existing revenues.

MOTION by Jane Exner: I move that the District raise and appropriate a supplemental appropriation of NINETY-TWO THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SIXTY-NINE DOLLARS (\$92,369.00) for additional Special Education costs for the current school year (1995-1996). This amount will be funded from existing revenues. SECOND by Tim Hanson

DISCUSSION – Jane Exner stated that the purpose of this motion is to allow the expenditure of excess revenue at no tax rate impact to help offset Special Education costs. This obligation must be met and it is the only way it can be done without cutting from Regular Education lines.

With no further discussion the Moderator called for a voice vote.

Voice vote in the affirmative. Motion carries.

## ARTICLE 4

To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of SEVENTY-EIGHT THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED SEVENTY-SIX DOLLARS (\$78,876.00) for the purpose of a deficit appropriation for the 1995-96 fiscal year for Special Education costs, or to take any other action in relation thereto.

MOTION by Tess Marts: I move that the District raise and appropriate the sum of SEVENTY-EIGHT THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED SEVENTY-SIX DOLLARS (\$78,876.00) for the purpose of a deficit appropriation for the 1995-96 fiscal year for special education costs. SECOND by Jane Exner

DISCUSSION – Tess Marts: Both Ben Hampton and Jane Exner have gone over extensively the article that was just passed. This article (#4) will effect tax rate by 11 cents per \$1,000 or \$11 for a \$100,000 assessment. This article allows for Special Education for this year and not from Regular Education.

Ben Hampton: As Tess indicated this will have a tax impact of 11 cents per thousand. However, you will not see this on your tax bill until December.

Susan Decker: Will there continue to be an increase for 96 and 97?

Jane Exner: This year is large based on circumstances we have no control over. We think we will be OK but we still must meet guidelines.

With no further discussion the Moderator called for a voice vote.

Voice vote in the affirmative declared by Moderator. Motion carries.

At this time the Moderator took time to explain to those present what RSA 40:13 (Senate Bill 2) will do to Town Meeting and School District Meeting as we know them. He explained that there would still be a Town side and a School side but that there would be meetings held for discussion where no voting would take place. The voting will now all take place at the secret ballot on the first Tuesday of April.

He further explained that if an article is voted down, it could end up being a longer process than we have now.

## ARTICLE 5

To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$25,000.00) for the purpose of costs associated with the implementation of the provisions of RSA 40:13 (Senate Bill 2) if authorized on the ballot, or to take any other action in relation thereto.

MOTION by Suzanne Tremblay: I move that the District raise and appropriate the sum of TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$25,000.00) for the purpose of costs associated with the implementation on RSA 40:13 (Senate Bill 2) that was authorized on the election ballot. SECOND by Robert Torpey

DISCUSSION – Suzanne Tremblay: The costs of Senate Bill 2 are unknown. The Finance Department has come up with several scenarios depending upon how many meetings are needed. Those figures varied from a cost of \$10,700. to \$16,000. to \$17,000. This means a difficult budget. However, because we do not know the exact cost the School Board is asking for \$25,000. This money can only be used for Senate Bill 2 costs. If it is not used it will be turned back to the General Fund to offset the tax rate.

At this time Ben Hampton made a motion to amend the amount of Article #5 by \$15,000.

MOTION by Ben Hampton: I move that the District raise and appropriate the sum of TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000.00) for the purpose of costs associated with the implementation of RSA40:13 (SB 2) that was authorized on the Election Ballot. SECOND by Preston Lawrance

DISCUSSION – Ellen Vermokowitz: Can we do anything to change Senate Bill 2?

Moderator: No. We will vote at a secret ballot in April. It can be repealed by the same process.

Ellen Vermokowitz: SB2 will cost \$40,000?

Suzanne Tremblay: No, not \$40,000. That was a different scenario. We are not sure what SB2 will cost. We want an amount to cover SB2 because it is not fair to have to take it from education. This is a safeguard. If funds are not used they will go back to the General Fund.

Fred Plett: We did not discuss this as a budget committee. What is the basis for the \$10,000 appropriation amendment?

Ben Hampton: This was not reviewed by the Budget Committee. There will be costs but I personally think \$25,000.00 is more than necessary.

POINT OF ORDER: Dick Kincaid

There is confusion. Are you amending by \$10,000 or \$15,000? Is this by the Budget Committee or by you?

Ben Hampton: This is a personal appeal to amend Article #5 down from \$25,000.00 to \$10,000.00.

Robert Torpey: This is confusing. The motion needs to be re-written.

At this time Ben Hampton withdrew his amendment and wrote another in its' place.

Phil D'Avanza: The original article was \$25,000.00. Now \$10,000.00. What if \$10,000.00 is not enough? If we have \$25,000.00 and we don't use it all, it will go back to the taxpayers via the general fund to offset the tax rate.

Ben Hampton: Understood, but I still want to amend the original article from \$25,000.00 to \$10,000.00. A decrease of \$15,000.00.

NEW AMENDED MOTION: Ben Hampton (written)

I move to amend Article #5 by \$15,000.00 to raise and appropriate the sum of TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000.00) for the purpose of costs associated with the implement of RSA 40:13 (Senate Bill 2), that was authorized at the election ballot. SECOND by Preston Lawrance.

DISCUSSION – Robert Wheeler: Nobody knows what this will cost. There still are many unknowns about this bill. You voted to change to SB2. Now we have to fund it. Support \$25,000.00. If not used it will go back to general fund to offset taxes.

Bill Tucker: This will go back to general fund – not to taxpayers – unless the Selectmen draw from general fund.

Bob Wheeler: Correct on Town side. Not School side. When there is a surplus in School side it automatically goes back to offset taxes for the following year.

A motion and a second from the floor to move the question.

The moderator called for the end of debate. All in favor.

The moderator read back the Amendment of Article #5 and called for a vote.

Defeated by voice vote.

Now vote on the original Article #5.

Moderator called for a standing vote. (Vote counters previously sworn in by clerk.)

YES – 178 NO – 48 Motion on Article #5 passes.

## ARTICLE 6

To see what sum of money the District will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of School District Officials and Agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the District and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the State Foundation Aid Fund together with other income; the School Board to certify to the Selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the Town, or to take any action related thereto.

MOTION by Ben Hampton: I move that the District raise and appropriate the sum of SIXTEEN MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THIRTEEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED NINETY-TWO DOLLARS (\$16,513,892.00) for the support of schools, for the salaries of School District Officials and Agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the District and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the State Foundation Aid Fund together with other income: the School Board to certify to the Selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the Town. SECOND by Peter Georgantas.

At this time a motion to amend Article #6 was read by Tess Marts, School Board Chairman.

AMENDED MOTION by Tess Marts: I move to amend the motion (ARTICLE #6) to increase the budget amount by NINETY-THREE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED SEVEN DOLLARS (\$93,707.00) for an amended total budget amount of SIXTEEN MILLION SIX HUNDRED SEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED NINETY-NINE DOLLARS (\$16,607,599.00). SECOND by Paul Lambert.

DISCUSSION – Tess Marts: The School Board and Budget Committee worked hard to find common ground between the ceiling and the floor. Both came to a figure the other could live with. Then came the change in revenue from the State. This is what brought about disagreement. The budget committee asked to cut \$93,000.00. The School Board does not see that there is any place to take from.

Ben Hampton: What Ms. Marts stated is true. However, they did come to an agreement to hold the tax rate increase to 2.75%. The change came about with an action at the State level. The Budget Committee's reduction by \$93,707.00 is in new positions, not cutting existing ones. This still allows for two new positions. This reduction will not effect current positions, only new ones.

Tom Howey: What kind of difference are we talking about?

Jane Exner: 13 cents per \$1,000 evaluation. If you own a \$100,000 home the increase will be \$13.00.

Sylvia Colburn: What caused this was Special Education. However, if you go with the Budget Committee's figure we will have to cut into Regular Education. Please support the School Board Budget.

Peter Georgantas: Opposed because there are several classes now that have only a small amount of students. Could these not be consolidated? Not everyone can have everything.

Ellen Vermokowitz: Why was this not brought up at any of the hearings? The staffing needs must be met. Provide the funding and support.

Ben Hampton commented on the revenue and increase in tuition. They are as comfortable on that figure as can be at this time. It was the revenue from the State that changed the 1.75%.

At this time the Moderator announced that there is a request for a secret ballot on this article amendment.

Bill Exner: Vote in favor of the School Board Budget so that he can go home. So that all can go home. This is really a small discrepancy. The real issue is that this is the largest 8th grade ever. The Budget Committee and School Board were in agreement until last week. 16.5 million or 16.6 million. Let's not make a mountain out of a mole hill. Support the School Board Budget.

Preston Lawrance: Speaking as a member of the Budget Committee and a member of the Goffstown Taxpayers Association. Opposed because Articles 4 & 5 have already passed for 14.4 cents. This article will make a total of 68 cents. The Budget Committee will only increase to 55 cents. This is not an easy job or an easy decision but it must be affordable. Support the Budget Committee Budget.

Bill Totherow: For the Amendment. This represents hundreds of hours of compromise to cut from a huge difference. Not at only a small difference. However, it is a difference that meets the School District needs.

Ben Hampton: This was based on revenues that were cut at the last minute. What was agreed upon then changed by \$93,000.00. Taxpayers must be able to pay their taxes. \$93,000.00 is bottom live. These are new positions not existing.

MOTION by Steve Monier to move the question. SECOND by Robert Schmitt.

The Moderator called for a vote to stop debate. All in favor in an affirmative voice vote. Motion to stop debate carries.

Written Ballot (green) Yes or No to amendment increase.

While counting of ballots took place the Moderator made several announcements and then moved on to ARTICLE #7.

## ARTICLE 7

To see if the District will vote to form a Cooperative School District Planning Board with members appointed by the School Board of each district for the purpose of studying the advisability of establishing a cooperative school district in accordance with the standards set forth in RSA 195:2, it's organization, operation and control, and the needs of each district; to estimate the operating costs thereof, to investigate the methods of financing such school or schools, and any other matters pertaining to the organization and operation of a cooperative school district; and to submit a report or reports of it's findings and recommendations to the School Districts of Dunbarton, Goffstown and New Boston, and take any other action in relation thereto.

MOTION by Robert Schmitt. I move that the District vote to form a Cooperative School District Planning Board with members appointed by the School Board of each District for the purpose of studying the advisability of establishing a Cooperative School District in accordance with the standards set forth in RSA 195:2, its organization, operation and control, and the advisability of constructing, maintaining and operating a school or schools to secure the needs of such District; to estimate the operating costs thereof, to investigate the methods of financing such school or schools and operation of a School District; and to submit a report or reports of its findings and recommendation to the School Districts of Dunbarton, Goffstown and New Boston. SECOND by Bill Exner.

DISCUSSION – Robert Schmitt thanked those who signed and brought about this petition. He explained that there is no cost to this and it is nonbinding as any action could not be taken until brought back before the voting body. Perhaps we would find a more cost effective way of doing things. Perhaps not. This is only a study.

Robert Torpey: Against because it would cause Goffstown to lose some of its power in regard to weighted votes when called for. It would also give ownership to the other communities of our schools that they do not now have. This would also be taking time away from those on this study committee that could be used elsewhere.

At this time Peter Georgantas motioned to table discussion on Article #7 so that we could go back to the Amendment on Article #6 as the votes had now been tallied. SECOND by Bob Wheeler.

Voice vote in the affirmative. Article #7 tabled.

VOTE RESULT on Amendment to Article #6.

YES – 168 NO – 92 TOTAL VOTES CAST 260

AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE #6 PASSES

VOTE ON ARTICLE #6 as amended. School Budget now at SIXTEEN MILLION SIX HUNDRED SEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED NINETY-NINE DOLLARS (\$16,607,599.00).

DISCUSSION – Mr. E. Beck: Question on line item 2410 of school budget. There is an amount of \$32,670.00 unexplained.

Tess Marts: This is a combined admin. line including other pupil services, graduation at the high School and Recognition Ceremony at MVMS.

Ben Hampton: This also includes field trips and yes, the Budget Committee reviewed this. Next year it should be listed differently. This was to be a savings in printing costs.

This was a satisfactory explanation for Mr. Beck.

Request to move the question by Steve Monier. Second by Les Rosenthal.

All in favor by voice vote in the affirmative.

The Moderator read back the motion to appropriate a sum of \$16,607,599.00 for the School Budget.

Voice vote in the affirmative carries this motion.

MOTION to go back to discussion of Article #7 by Bob Wheeler. SECOND by Bill Tucker.

DISCUSSION – George Fullerton: Seven years Budget Committee and School Board. In favor of study CO-OP. What we have now is an agreement that is possibly outdated. This was made at a time when we were assessing a 2.5% rental charge. We are paying 7% on MVMS. This agreement could come up with better solution than we have now. It does not hurt to look into this CO-OP.

Barbara Griffin: Against article as she had seen this happen in MA between Sudbury and Lincoln. It was actually more costly.

Fred Plett: Not speaking for Budget Committee. In favor of study. It is only a study. Possibly no change. Hopefully it will save money by cutting out some overlaps in Administration. A study is of no cost to the taxpayer.

George Fullerton: Speaking about the same schools as Barbara Griffin spoke of. There was equal representation but it was not a good situation. However, it was different than Goffstown, Dunbarton and New Boston.

Bob Wheeler: Agrees with Bob Torpey in regard to the weighted vote situation.

Peter Georgantas: Cost to us ZERO – Do the study. We just passed a 16 million dollar budget and we question a FREE study?

Tess Marts: The School Board did not all agree to not do this study. Her memory was the vote being 6-4 against.

Suzanne tremblay: Perhaps the community is ready to give up assets to this co-op but personally she is not ready to do so.

Randy benthien: This is only to study. We will not be giving up anything until such time as it would be brought back to the Townspeople for a vote.

Tom Kiander: Serious chinks in the co-op. Bigger not necessarily better.

Ellen Vermokowitz: Not for or against but what harm can there be in looking.

Bill Tucker: Let's look at this study. Our schools are at capacity. Kick the others out if possible.

MOTION from the floor to move the question.



Jane Exner reminded everyone that this would have to pass by all three districts before any changes could be made.

Helen Skoglund: Move the question.

Dick Kincaid: Have the other towns passed this?

Tess Marts: It is being presented at their Town Meetings as well.

With no further discussion the Moderator called for a vote to end debate of Article #7.

All in favor.

Call for vote on Article #7.

Moderator unsure of voice vote. Calls for standing vote.

Article #7 passes.

## ARTICLE 8

To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

MOTION by Tess Marts. I move that the meeting adjourn. SECOND by Robert Torpey.

Goffstown School District Meeting adjourned 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Brenda Henk  
*School Clerk*

## 1996 SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION RESULTS

### For School Board

THREE YEARS	Vote for THREE
RANDALL "RANDY" BENTHIEN .....	1075
PAMELA VEZINAT MANNEY .....	981
BROCK PUTNEY .....	750
WILLIAM D. TOTTEROW .....	1004
JOHN P. TURNER .....	816

# REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

## DR. EUGENE W. ROSS, INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT

1996 brought numerous changes to SAU 19. A number of principals were replaced due to resignations, retirements and desire to return to the classroom. We were very fortunate to have a strong response to our request for candidates for Goffstown Area High School and Mountain View Middle School. The search resulted in Mr. Chris Mosca accepting the position at the High School, and Rose Colby accepting the principalship at Mountain View. In these few months of their tenure a decided improvement in general school management is very evident. A superintendent and his assistants easily measure this fact by the reduction in telephone calls and letters from individuals with concerns, questions or complaints relative to the delivery system in place. We all look forward to a continued review and growth process, and improving offerings and services to the students in these schools.

The elementary segment of SAU 19 saw the change in one principalship. Dunbarton welcomed Mary Starvish to our administrative team replacing Bill Zeller who has returned to the classroom in the Dunbarton Elementary School.

In June we welcomed Roger Descheneau to our SAU team as Business Manager. Roger has been very busy revamping processes and procedures for improvement in reporting and efficiency of operation. He was quickly baptized in the budget process and reporting process for four entities rather than one district.

All elementary schools are heavily involved in the process of reviewing curriculum and teaching strategies, now that we have data from at least three years of the statewide assessment. These assessment results will impact tremendously on our grades one through three curriculum review and modifications that had started earlier.

Curriculum committees also have been formed for grades four through six and seven through ten. Much of this work will also center around the first year assessments given in the Spring of 1996 for the first time. As additional data from future years is gathered more precise modifications will probably result.

Building projects, both actual and conceptual, continue to take a prominent place on agendas in all three communities.

New Boston has blueprints with a planned presentation to school district voters in 1997. Dunbarton continues to look at space needs with approximately 30 first graders planning attendance in 1997.

The Goffstown School District's major emphasis will be a comprehensive study of the High School, should the funds be approved by the voters. This activity will include review of course offerings, space needed for those

offerings, and then finally the reconfiguration of the present school building to encompass the findings.

Rehabilitation of the SAU offices continues to show taking place with meeting space and modified office space completed. Windows and siding projects are in progress and should provide a building that all communities will be proud of for School District Headquarters.

1996 has been a very busy year with many students excelling academically, musically, and in scholastic sports. We did have one school experience, a sad experience — the loss of the Bartlett Hedgehog on its round the world trip.

In closing, I must state that the highlight of 1996 was the announcement by the State Department of Education that Lynne Ellis, a teacher at Mountain View Middle School, was chosen as the "New Hampshire Teacher of the Year."

## PRINCIPALS' REPORTS

### BARTLETT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

CYNTHIA A. MURRELL, PRINCIPAL

Happy Birthday Bartlett. This year marks Bartlett's 75th birthday. The staff and students are celebrating by looking at life 75 years ago. The students are reading, writing and listening to speakers on the history of Goffstown and culture and times. The building has never looked better. Our gym has a new coat of paint. Our parents have sanded and refinished the playground equipment and painted a world map and United States map on the playground.

Our building has been completely wired for technology. We have a full communication system throughout the building. Every room in the building has a telephone. The telephone system has incredible capabilities of not only making phone calls, but calling each room in the building and paging throughout the entire school. This system is connected to speakers in the gym and hall, and pages and announcements are heard through the speakers on each phone. Safety is paramount and we can now call the nurse's office from any location. This wiring also gives us the capabilities of future communications through computers and video systems.

The mission statement of our School Board states the need for "substantive, challenging, appropriate education that is consistent with students abilities, offered in a safe environment and serves as a foundation for life-long learning." Our staff has taken the curriculum and the state standards and are matching these with skills needed. They are making sure that what is being taught in the classroom reflects the Board's philosophy and state and federal frameworks.

We have a new assortment of software for our multimedia computers. These are interactively helping children learn many skills contained in the curriculum.

# MAPLE AVENUE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

## MARC A. BOYD, PRINCIPAL

The 1995/1996 school year was the year the Maple Avenue Elementary School accelerated from the travel lane to the passing lane on the technological highway. Due in large part to the Parent Faculty Together (PFT) organization and the school district, IBM compatible computers were placed in each classroom, most specialists' offices, and the administrative offices, and the beginning of a computer lab in the Information Center was accomplished. Maple Avenue School is officially out of the Apple IIe era and into the next millennium.

The arrival of the new computers brought about the need for staff training which the school's technology committee, consisting of staff and PFT representatives, immediately dealt with by procuring a grant for training. By the end of the academic year great strides had been made in the area of staff training which will continue. I would like to acknowledge the assistance of the following key PFT members in the area of technology development at the school—Ed Baechtold, David Tauscher, Len Stuart, and Gail Thomas.

After a number of years researching the concept of Multi-Age, the school implemented three classrooms utilizing the Multi-Age philosophy. Each classroom consists of an equal number of first, second, and third grade age appropriate children who will remain in that classroom until they move to the fourth grade. The first year of the program was very successful.

Once again the third graders did extremely well in the New Hampshire Educational Improvement and Assessment Program tests with the students scoring 85% in the Basic, Proficient, and Advanced levels of the Language Arts test and 87% in the Basic, Proficient, and Advanced levels of the Math test. If you would like further information on the testing program, please feel free to contact the school.

With the close of the school year two long term staff members left. First Grade teacher Irene Willey retired and Reading Specialist Linda Kettenring accepted an Assistant Principal position in a neighboring district. Both these educators gave their heart and soul to the children at the school, and while they may not physically be at the school any longer, their spirit will last at the school and in the minds of the students they touched for a long, long time.

In closing, I would like to thank all the parents, guardians and townfolks who continually volunteer at the school along with Pam Havener, our 1995-96 PFT Volunteer Coordinator. They are all responsible for the school receiving the New Hampshire Partner in Education Blue Ribbon Award for the seventh consecutive time. Bertha Rush and Gail Kenney, co-presidents of the PFT, deserve a thank-you also for their leadership. Last, but not least, the entire Maple Avenue Elementary School staff, who make a commitment that they reaffirm every day to provide your children a learning environment that is stimulating, challenging, caring and supportive, deserve much appreciation.

**MOUNTAIN VIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
**ROSE LAROCHELLE-COLBY, PRINCIPAL**  
**JAMES I. DOIG & MICHAEL A. HENDERSON,**  
**ASSOCIATE PRINCIPALS**

Mountain View Middle School opened its doors to over 1100 students from Goffstown, Dunbarton, and New Boston on September 4, 1996. The new year brought many changes and challenges to the administration, staff, and students. The Administrative Team changed as Ms. Rose Colby, formerly an Assistant Principal, became the new Principal and Mr. James Doig joined Mr. Michael Henderson as an Associate Principal. With the new administrative leadership has come a renewed focus to improve the quality of learning for all Mountain View Middle School students and to effectively communicate and celebrate our students' achievements within the community.

Last year a design team of MVMS educators formulated an Alternative Education program for implementation this school year. The program was set up to meet the extreme needs of several students. Those students have achieved more success in this structured behavioral program than in the regular classroom setting. Staffed by a special educator, a home/school counselor, and an educational assistant, the program seeks to work with the student and his/her family in the school and home settings. In addition to the alternative program, the Special Needs Programming has been restructured to better utilize our personnel and resources. We have a Classroom Based Services program, a Resource Room program, a program for highly involved students, and a BRAVE program for behaviorally challenged students with special needs. We are now more effectively meeting the needs of our Special Education population. An additional result has been the creation of classroom settings with an improvement in the quality of the learning environment for all students.

We have also had many celebrations this year. Ms. Lynne Ellis, eighth grade Social Studies/Language Arts teacher on the 8C Team, has been named the "New Hampshire Teacher of the Year." Pumpkinfest '96 was bigger and better than ever with approximately 1200 people attending the day-long festivities. GTV-40 has broadcast our concerts and some student team presentations. We are also producing our own storytime show for broadcast where students are reading stories which they have written and submitted for the show. Our eighth grade students are selling candy bars in anticipation of their Washington, DC trip in April. Earth Shuttle, the ultimate field trip, offers experiential learning to students in the sixth and seventh grade. Students prepare for their trip to the theme parks of Orlando, Florida by completing study packets of the learning strand for which the trip is designed. The technology and environmental studies stands have been chosen for the five sites they will visit in April.

The Fall Festival, a fourth grade chorus performance, was a new addition to the performance line-up this year. It was taped and broadcast over GTV-40. The Winter Concert, also broadcast over GTV-40, was an overwhelming success.

The sixth grade Artist-in-Residence Program will center on a Medieval Celebration. The artists, working with the students while in residence at Mountain View Middle School, will design and construct stained glass work.

Mountain View Partnership continues to grow and flourish with parents and staff supporting the many activities and fund-raisers. The Magazine Drive, for example, resulted in approximately \$14,000 in profit this year to support programs benefiting students. The grade-level parent roundtables held once per quarter, have been very well attended and continue to provide a healthy dialog between school and our community.

This year we have embarked on a Middle Level Curriculum project for Grades 4, 5, and 6 in Goffstown, Dunbarton, and New Boston. The committee has been working to develop a Social Studies, Science, Math, and Language Arts Curriculum that will align what is being taught with what is being assessed. We will examine the results of the Grade 3 and the Grade 6 tests, administered last spring, from the NH Educational Improvement and Assessment Program so that the curriculum is aligned closely to the NH Curriculum Frameworks on which the test is designed.

We strive for educational excellence and try to provide an environment where our students develop positive self-esteem and grow to better understand the complexities of their world. We wish to thank the communities of Goffstown, Dunbarton, and New Boston for their support of the educational mission of Mountain View Middle School.

## **GOFFSTOWN AREA HIGH SCHOOL**

**CHRIS MOSCA, PRINCIPAL**

**JUDITH EVANS & JAMES FULLAM, ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS**

I am proud to submit my first Town Report as principal of Goffstown Area High School. There is no doubt we have the talent, energy and commitment in our school and community to ensure a positive educational experience for all our students.

We have set very clear goals this year and are committed to achieving them. Specifically, we have addressed improving school climate through consistent enforcement of all school rules, completing our self-study for the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, and implementing a School to Career initiative to more meaningfully connect academic learning with the world of work.

In March, we will host the visiting team from NEASC and a final report on the status of the accreditation will be issued in September. We look forward to using the information from this report as a vehicle to affect general improvement in school climate, facilities, curriculum and assessment.

In the School to Career effort we have received a three year grant from the State of NH for approximately \$240,000. We have also hired Mr. Cal Frost, a former executive with the NYNEX Corporation, to coordinate our STC activities. In the coming months, we expect to strengthen our partnership with the regional business community and post-secondary institu-

tions to provide students increased opportunities for job shadowing experiences, apprenticeships, applied learning, problem solving and comprehensive information relative to career choices.

Academically, our school budget was designed to provide more rigor in our curriculum by adding Advanced Placement courses for the 1997-98 school year. As of this writing, we expect to add Advanced Placement courses in English, biology, chemistry, calculus and U.S. History. This program of study will prepare students to take national AP exams to earn college credit.

In addition to our AP initiative, we have also begun the process of analyzing the results of the grade 10 state assessment program to more properly align our existing curriculum with the state curriculum frameworks. This will be an ongoing project which will help ensure that our students attain success on these tests.

In closing, I would like to state that I am continually impressed by the enthusiasm and school spirit of our students. They are involved in a wide variety of activities including musical productions, theatrical performances, athletic contests, political forums, community service projects and school wide activities. Additionally, we have also established a Parent's Group which meets monthly so that our parents, teachers and administrators can work more cooperatively to address the needs of our young people. It is clear we are moving in the direction of high academic expectations and creating a positive climate for all our students. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.



*Goffstown High School Band*

# REPORT OF COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT STUDY COMMITTEE

The Towns of Dunbarton, Goffstown and New Boston voted in the affirmative to establish a Cooperative School District Study Committee at their respective school district meetings during March 1996.

The committee members were appointed by the individual town moderators and began meeting in earnest in August 1996. The members of the committee are:

<b>Dunbarton</b>	<b>Goffstown</b>	<b>New Boston</b>
Kenneth L. Swayze, Jr.	Randy Benthien, Co-Chair	Ralph Holmes
Dan Gravas, Co-Chair	Paul O'Reilly	Brian Irwin
Betsy Williams	Ellen Vermokowitz	Steve Ruddock

Each committee member received, and has been reviewing, all the articles of agreement that have been accepted during the past twenty or so years. Meetings have also been held with the Interim Superintendent of Schools discussing the RSAs (State Laws) governing cooperative school districts and what are the pros and cons. A major concern is what does it do for any individual town fiscally and educationally? Also, what are the configurations that might be considered?

Ms. Pat Busselle of the State Department of Education spent one meeting outlining the new laws recently passed on the topic. She also announced that legislation is being introduced to reduce substantially the state's buyout reimbursement to newly formed cooperative school districts. This study committee will be the last cooperative study group that will be eligible for the buyout, should the recommendation be to establish this type of district by July 1998.

A meeting also has been held with an attorney, who has recently been the advisor for a newly approved Cooperative School District (Exeter) with a state buyout agreement and building project.

The committee will continue the information gathering process during 1997 to determine the fiscal impact and the efficiencies in the Educational Delivery System to be realized. This group has set a completion goal of Spring 1998, which is one year shorter than allowed by New Hampshire statutes.



# OCTOBER 1ST PUPIL ENROLLMENT 1992 - 1996 \*\*

School	Grade	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
<b>Bartlett</b>	Pre-School	20	—	—	—	—
	Multi-age (1,2,3)	—	—	—	40	39
	1	74	50	56	39	39
	2	48	72	60	36	40
	3	52	44	74	46	46
	Special Ed	3	—	—	—	—
<b>Total - Bartlett</b>		197	166	190	161	164
<b>Maple Avenue</b>	Pre-School	—	14	22	21	32
	Multi-age (1,2,3)	—	—	—	66	67
	1	134	144	122	101	138
	2	128	137	138	107	106
	3	128	130	138	119	106
<b>Total - Maple Avenue</b>		390	425	420	414	449
<b>Mountain View</b>	4	177	193	173	214	201
	5	202	176	183	175	204
	6	180	204	176	183	179
	7	249	253	287	277	257
	8	259	245	259	283	281
<b>Total - MVMS</b>		1,067	1,071	1,078	1,132	1,122
<b>High School</b>	9	224	251	221	244	262
	10	199	238	234	213	233
	11	187	221	233	235	233
	12	181	159	169	206	194
	Special Ed	—	1	—	—	—
	PG	—	—	—	3	—
<b>Total - High School</b>		791	870	857	901	922
<b>GRAND TOTAL 1992-1996</b>		2,445	2,532	2,545	2,608	2,657

** Home Study included in figures	23	24	25	26	20
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# AUDITOR'S MANAGEMENT LETTERS

## PLODZIK & SANDERSON

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### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON THE INTERNAL CONTROL STRUCTURE BASED ON AN AUDIT OF GENERAL- PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STRUCTURES

To the Members of the School Board  
Goffstown School District  
Goffstown, New Hampshire

We have audited the general-purpose financial statements of the Goffstown School District, as of and for the year ended June 30, 1996, and have issued our report thereon, which was qualified as indicated therein, dated August 28, 1996.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general-purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement.

The management of the Goffstown School District is responsible for establishing and maintaining an internal control structure. In fulfilling this responsibility, estimates and judgments by management are required to assess the expected benefits and related costs of internal control structure policies and procedures. The objectives of an internal control structure are to provide management with reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that assets are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition, and that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly to permit the preparation of general-purpose financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Because of inherent limitations in any internal control structure, errors or irregularities may nevertheless occur and not be detected. Also, projection of any evaluation of the structure to future periods is subject to the risk that procedures may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the effectiveness of the design and operation of policies and procedures may deteriorate.

In planning and performing our audit of the general-purpose financial statements of the Goffstown School District for the year ended June 30, 1996, we obtained an understanding of the internal control structure. With respect to the internal control structure, we obtained an understanding of the design of relevant policies and procedures and whether they have been placed in operation, and we assessed control risk in order to determine our

auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the general-purpose financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control structure. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

A material weakness is a reportable condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control structure elements does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that errors or irregularities in amounts that would be material in relation to the general-purpose financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions.

However, we noted the following matters involving the internal control structure and its operation that we consider to be a material weakness as defined above. This condition was considered in determining the nature, timing and extent of the procedures to be performed in our audit of the financial statements of the Goffstown School District for the year ended June 30, 1996.

**GENERAL ACCOUNTING SYSTEM (Repeat Comment)**

In general, internal controls are the measures used by an organization to:

- Safeguard its resources from fraud and waste
- Assure accuracy and reliability of the accounting and operating data
- Encourage compliance with policies
- Promote efficiency of operations

During the course of our audit, we noted the following conditions, which could affect the internal financial reports prepared throughout the year.

1. General ledger accounts were not reconciled on a monthly basis. As a result, we spent significant additional time assisting the bookkeeper in reconciling general ledger accounts. All proprietary accounts should be reconciled on a routine basis in order to assure the accuracy and reliability of the various account balances.
2. A duplication of efforts was noted in that one District bookkeeper prepares the payroll and vendor disbursements for the General and Food Service Funds, and another bookkeeper prepares the payroll and vendor disbursements for the Federal Projects Fund.
3. There was turnover in one of the bookkeeper positions during the year.

As noted in prior years, based on observations made during the course of our audit fieldwork and discussions with personnel, we feel that opportunities for continued improvements and greater utilization of software capabilities are present to improve the performance of the system and to prevent the deterioration of accomplishments achieved. Without adequate procedures for monitoring the overall performance of the system, it is possible that deterioration may occur which could result in the School District's inability to detect errors and irregularities on a timely basis. While our review of systems for audit purposes is limited and there may be other factors which need to be considered, it appeared that the efficiency of the accounting system was lacking in some respects. This could be the result of many factors including increased workloads, changeover in personnel, changing requirements, the need for further training, and inadequate procedures.

The School Administrative Unit has contracted our firm in a separate engagement to assist the School Administrative Unit in addressing these issues by providing accounting expertise, oversight and training as needed to assess the present system, to design new procedures where needed, to provide training for employees and to monitor the accounting system until the transition is complete. We refer to that study and evaluation for further comments, procedures and recommendations.

#### **PURCHASE ORDER SYSTEM (Repeat Comment)**

Although the District has a purchase order system, some procedures required to achieve proper internal control were not followed. An instance was noted where the purchase order date did not precede the invoice date.

It is recommended that all procedures be adhered to in order to have a properly working purchase order system.

We also noted other matters involving the internal control structure and its operation or opportunities for better efficiency and/or cost savings that we have discussed with management or specific individuals involved. These matters include the following:

#### **PAYROLL AND VENDOR MANIFEST APPROVAL (Repeat Comment)**

Currently, summary manifests for payroll and vendor checks are signed each month by a majority of the School Board members and the Superintendent. Proper backup is not consistently kept with the manifests. The summary manifests alone do not give any detail of the checks being issued such as vendor/employee name and amount of each check.

We recommend that the majority of the School Board and the Superintendent sign each payroll and vendor manifest independently to insure that all disbursements are properly authorized.

#### **STUDENT ACTIVITIES FUNDS**

The Student Activities Fund is an Agency Fund which is established to maintain the monies of each of the various student groups within the school. The District is acting in a custodial capacity in administering the fund. For this reason, it is very important that accurate and detailed records be maintained. During our examination of the Student Activities Funds of the Goffstown School District, we noted the following:

Documentation for disbursements in some of the activities was inadequate in that purchases were made without proper substantiation for such requests.

We have reviewed the above comments with the Bookkeepers and offered the following recommendation:

All disbursements from the funds should be supported by invoices and authorized in writing by the school principal.

This report is intended for the information of management and the School District. However, this report is a matter of public record, and its distribution is not limited.

August 28, 1996

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### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON THE INTERNAL CONTROL STRUCTURE USED IN ADMINISTERING FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

To the Members of the School Board  
Goffstown School District  
Goffstown, New Hampshire

We have audited the general-purpose financial statements of the Goffstown School District, as of and for the year ended June 30, 1996, and have issued our report thereon, which was qualified as indicated therein, dated August 28, 1996.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards; *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and Office of Management and Budget Circular A-128, *Audits of State and Local Governments*. Those standards and OMB Circular A-128 require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general-purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement.

In planning and performing our audit for the year ended June 30, 1996, we considered the internal structure of the Goffstown School District, in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the Goffstown School District's general-purpose financial statements and to report on the internal control structure in accordance with OMB Circular A-128. This report addresses our consideration of internal control structure policies and procedures relevant to compliance with requirements applicable to federal financial assistance programs. We have addressed internal control structure policies and procedures relevant to our audit of the general-purpose financial statements in a separate report dated August 28, 1996.

The management of the Goffstown School District is responsible for establishing and maintaining an internal control structure. In fulfilling this responsibility, estimates and judgments by management are required to assess the expected benefits and related costs of internal control structure policies and procedures. The objectives of an internal control structure are to provide management with reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that assets are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition, that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly to permit the preparation of general-purpose financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that federal financial assistance programs are managed in compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

Because of inherent limitations in any internal control structure, errors or irregularities or instances of noncompliance may nevertheless occur and not be detected. Also, projection of any evaluation of the structure to future periods is subject to the risk that procedures may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the effectiveness of the design and operation of policies and procedures may deteriorate.

For the purpose of this report, we have classified the significant internal control structure policies and procedures used in administering federal financial assistance programs in the following categories:

*Accounting Controls*

- Treasury
- Revenue/Receipts
- Purchases/Disbursements
- External Financial Reporting
- Payroll/Personnel

*Administrative Controls - General*

- Political Activity
- Civil Rights
- Cash Management
- Federal Financial Reports
- Allowable Costs/Cost Principles
- Drug-free Workplace
- Administrative Requirements

*Administrative Controls - Specific*

- Types of Services
- Eligibility
- Matching, Level of Effort, or Earmarking
- Reporting
- Cost Allocation
- Special Requirements, if any

For all of the internal control structure categories listed above, we obtained an understanding of the design of relevant policies and procedures and determined whether they have been placed in operation, and we assessed control risk.

During the year ended June 30, 1996, the Goffstown School District had no major federal financial assistance programs and expended 64 percent of its total federal financial assistance under the following nonmajor federal financial assistance program.

Grantor/ Agency	CFDA Number	Federal Program Name
U.S. Department of Agriculture	10.555	National School Lunch Program

We performed tests of control, as required by OMB Circular A-128, to evaluate the effectiveness of the design and operation of internal control structure policies and procedures that we have considered relevant to preventing or detecting material noncompliance with specific requirements,

general requirements, and requirements governing claims for advances and reimbursements and amounts claimed or used for matching that are applicable to the aforementioned nonmajor programs. Our procedures were less in scope than would be necessary to render an opinion on these internal control structure policies and procedures. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

A material weakness is a reportable condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control structure elements does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that noncompliance with laws and regulations that would be material to a federal financial assistance program may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions.

However, we noted the following matters involving the internal control structure and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses as defined above. These conditions were considered in determining the nature, timing, and extent of the procedures to be performed in our audit of the compliance of the Goffstown School District, with requirements applicable to its federal financial assistance programs for the year ended June 30, 1996, and this report does not affect our report thereon dated August 28, 1996.

#### **GENERAL ACCOUNTING SYSTEM (Repeat Comment)**

In general, internal controls are the measures used by an organization to:

- Safeguard its resources from fraud and waste
- Assure accuracy and reliability of the accounting and operating data
- Encourage compliance with policies
- Promote efficiency of operations

During the course of our audit, we noted the following conditions, which could affect the internal financial reports prepared throughout the year.

1. General ledger accounts were not reconciled on a monthly basis. As a result, we spent significant additional time assisting the bookkeeper in reconciling general ledger accounts. All proprietary accounts should be reconciled on a routine basis in order to assure the accuracy and reliability of the various account balances.
2. A duplication of efforts was noted in that one District bookkeeper prepares the payroll and vendor disbursements for the General and Food Service Funds, and another bookkeeper prepares the payroll and vendor disbursements for the Federal Projects Fund.
3. There was turnover in one of the bookkeeper positions during the year.

As noted in prior years, based on observations made during the course of our audit fieldwork and discussions with personnel, we feel that opportunities for continued improvements and greater utilization of software capabilities are present to improve the performance of the system and to prevent the deterioration of accomplishments achieved. Without adequate procedures for monitoring the overall performance of the system, it is possible that deterioration may occur which could result in the School District's inability to detect errors and irregularities on a timely basis. While our

review of systems for audit purposes is limited and there may be other factors which need to be considered, it appeared that the efficiency of the accounting system was lacking in some respects. This could be the result of many factors including increased workloads, changeover in personnel, changing requirements, the need for further training, and inadequate procedures.

The School Administrative Unit has contracted our firm in a separate engagement to assist the School Administrative Unit in addressing these issues by providing accounting expertise, oversight and training as needed to assess the present system, to design new procedures where needed, to provide training for employees and to monitor the accounting system until the transition is complete. We refer to that study and evaluation for further comments, procedures and recommendations.

We are available to assist the District in addressing these issues by providing accounting expertise, oversight and training as needed to assess the present system, to provide training for employees, and to monitor the accounting system until the transition is complete.

#### **PURCHASE ORDER SYSTEM (Repeat Comment)**

Although the District has a purchase order system, some procedures required to achieve proper internal control were not followed. An instance was noted where the purchase order date did not precede the invoice date.

It is recommended that all procedures be adhered to in order to have a properly working purchase order system.

This report is intended for the information of management and the School District. However, this report is a matter of public record, and its distribution is not limited.

August 28, 1996

James A. Sojka, CPA  
PLODZIK & SANDERSON  
Professional Association



# SCHOOL BOARD'S RESPONSE TO THE AUDITOR

School Administrative Unit #19  
11 School Street  
Goffstown, NH 03045-1908

January 20, 1997

Re: Audit Report Ending June 30, 1996

Mr. James A. Sojka, CPA  
Plodzik & Sanderson  
193 North Main Street  
Concord, NH 03301

Dear Mr. Sojka:

The Goffstown School District continuously strives to enhance its responsibility to establish and maintain an internal financial control system. The District is fully cognizant regarding ongoing estimates and judgments required to permeate an accurate reporting and control structure capable of detecting errors or irregularities.

Considerable progress has been made to initiate stability in the Financial Unit. A new Business Manager and Staff Accountant were hired in the later months of Fiscal Year 1996. Both individuals are extremely diligent and methodical in insuring accuracy and proper accounting processes are followed. Improvements are already evident in accounting transactions in both payroll and vendor disbursements and in overall district employee satisfaction. Substantial effort and improvement were realized in many areas but more still needs to be done to improve the processes in other areas; future efforts will be concentrated in those areas requiring special attention.

## **GENERAL ACCOUNTING SYSTEM (Repeat Comment)**

A concerted effort is being expended to insure the general ledger accounts are reconciled on a monthly basis. All proprietary accounts are reconciled on a routine basis to assure accuracy and reliability of the account balances.

The Staff Accountant is responsible for processing all the payroll and vendor disbursements for the Goffstown School District, Dunbarton, New Boston School Districts and the SAU. The magnitude of the workload involved in supporting the SAU and the three districts necessitated the distribution of some of the functions to the Director of Finance. The Director of Finance prepares the payroll and vendor disbursements for the Federal Projects and Food Service Funds. The realignment of functions improved the overall efficiency of the Financial Unit to meet its accounting

responsibilities. Both individuals interact in their daily operations thereby making the central office organization less vulnerable to staff changes and allows both individuals to use their time efficiently.

### **PURCHASE ORDER SYSTEM (Repeat Comment)**

During an August 21 – 23 Workshop, all school principals and staff members of the SAU were informed of the purchasing policy of insuring a purchase order is processed and approved prior to ordering materials, parts or services from a vendor. A memorandum was sent on September 17, 1996 to all school principals and staff reiterating the purchase order policy and their responsibility in assuring adherence to the policy.

On December 22, 1996, a follow-up letter was sent to all principals and staff reminding them again of the policy. The principals and staff were advised that invoices and/or receipts would not be paid from the General Fund without a previously approved purchase order. The only exception would be for emergency situations such as a defective boiler pump on a school heating system which must be replaced immediately. They were also reminded that any purchase with a total of \$500.00 or more must have three quotes attached to the purchase order and any order of \$2000.00 or more must proceed through the bid cycle.

### **PAYROLL AND VENDOR MANIFEST APPROVAL (Repeat Comment)**

The majority of the Board and Superintendent approve the payroll and vendor manifests on a bi-weekly basis. Included with the approved manifests is a copy of the final check register for the account, an invoice transaction journal and a general ledger summary report. The final check register includes the vendor number, vendor name, check number, check amount, purchase order number and voucher number. The invoice transaction journal includes the voucher number, vendor number and name, account number charged, description and amount of invoice. The general ledger summary includes the cash and accounts payable transactions. This backup is kept with the corresponding payroll and vendor manifest for each bi-weekly disbursement period.

### **STUDENT ACTIVITIES FUNDS**

A comprehensive evaluation of the student activities funds throughout the Goffstown School District is currently in process. The objective of the evaluation is to develop uniformity in our procedures and to establish better control and authorization procedures. All disbursements from the funds will be required to be supported with an invoice(s) and payment authorization will be in writing by the school principal.

Your audit comments and suggestions are greatly appreciated. We have already experienced many improvements in our financial process and accountability and feel confident additional changes and improvements will be forthcoming.

Sincerely,  
Suzanne Tremblay, *Chair*  
Goffstown School Board

# TOWN OF GOFFSTOWN, NH

## WARRANT FOR MARCH 11 & APRIL 8, 1997

**T**o the inhabitants of the Town of Goffstown in the county of Hillsborough qualified to vote in Town affairs, and to the inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Goffstown, qualified to vote in School District affairs: You are hereby notified to meet on the eleventh day of March, 1997 at seven o'clock in the evening at the Goffstown High School in said Town for the first portion of Town Meeting, also known as the deliberative session, to act on the following subjects and determine matters which will then be voted upon by the official ballot on April 8.

You are further notified to meet April 8, 1997 to vote on all matters by official ballot. The polls will open April 8 at 7:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m. at the Central polling district at the Goffstown High School and will open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m. in the Fifth District at the Bartlett Elementary School.

### ARTICLE 1

To choose all Town Officers, trustees, commissioners, and School District Officers for the ensuing year.

### ARTICLE 2

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by petition of the voters of Goffstown:

To see if the Town will vote to amend the zoning district by changing the zoning of Map 26 Lot 24 from Industrial to Commercial, and Map 6 Lot 34 from Agricultural to Commercial. These parcels are located on Mast Road beginning at the traffic light past the Women's Prison and presently consists of two adjoining lots, a 2 family home currently zoned Agricultural and Century 21 Ledgewood currently zoned Industrial.

*(Submitted by Petition) (Not Recommended by the Planning Board)*

### ARTICLE 3

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by petition of the voters of Goffstown:

To see if the Town will vote to amend the zoning district by changing the zoning of Map 5 Lot 48 from Industrial to Commercial. This lot is located at 208 Mast Road next to Magoo's Restaurant.

*(Submitted by Petition) (Recommended by the Planning Board)*

### ARTICLE 4

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by petition of the voters of Goffstown:

To see if the Town will vote to amend the zoning district by changing the zoning of Map 30 Lot 46-1 from Residential 1 to Residential Small Business and Office District (RSBOD). This lot is located at 89 South Mast Street, the Glen Lake Medical and Professional Building.

*(Submitted by Petition) (Not Recommended by the Planning Board)*

## ARTICLE 5

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by petition of the voters of Goffstown:

To see if the Town will vote to amend the zoning district by changing the zoning of Map 30 Lots 47 from Residential 1 to Residential Small Business and Office District (RSBOD). This lot is located at 101 South Mast Street.

*(Submitted by Petition) (Not Recommended by the Planning Board)*

## ARTICLE 6

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 5 as proposed by petition of the voters of Goffstown:

To see if the Town will vote to amend the zoning district by changing the zoning of Map 4 Lot 62 & 62-1 from Residential 1 to Agricultural. Lot 62 is located at 244 New Boston Road and home of the English Country Nurseries. Abutting Lot 62-1 is located at 224 New Boston Road and abuts an Agricultural Zone.

*(Submitted by Petition) (Recommended by the Planning Board)*

## ARTICLE 7

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 6 as proposed by petition of the voters of Goffstown:

To see if the Town will vote to amend the zoning district by changing the zoning of Map 30 Lot 46-A from Residential 1 to Residential Small Business and Office District (RSBOD). This lot is located at 95 South Mast Street, Sue's Barber Shop and Salon.

*(Submitted by Petition) (Not Recommended by the Planning Board)*

## ARTICLE 8

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 7 as proposed by petition of the voters of Goffstown:

To see if the Town will vote to amend the zoning district by changing the zoning of Map 38 Lot 101 from Residential 1 to Residential Small Business and Office District (RSBOD). This parcel is located at 12 High Street next to the Village Library.

*(Submitted by Petition) (Not Recommended by the Planning Board)*

## ARTICLE 9

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 8 as proposed by the Goffstown Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article III, B (Definitions) by adding "Wireless Communications Facility: Any tower, poles, antennas or other structures intended for use in connection with transmission or receipt of radio or television signals, or any other spectrum-based transmission/reception. Personal wireless facilities will not be considered a public utility for the purposes of this ordinance" *(Recommended by the Planning Board)*

## ARTICLE 10

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 9 as proposed by the Goffstown Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article V by adding to section C,D, E and F, special exception subsection, "Wireless Facilities - Regulations and Performance Criteria subject to the following: A. personal wireless facilities must be placed on an existing wireless facility tower when physically and legally possible. B. the site must meet the performance criteria as shown in the appendix section of the zoning ordinance. C. ancillary buildings are subject to the zoning requirements of the zoning district. D. landscaping and screening shall be done in accordance with the site plan regulations. E. the Planning Board may require the developer to post a performance guaranty for the removal of the wireless communications facility if the existing technology should become obsolete. F. the facility shall be subject to the Site Plan and Subdivision Regulations of the Town of Goffstown and approval by the Planning Board. *(Recommended by the Planning Board)*

## ARTICLE 11

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 10 as proposed by the Goffstown Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article III, section B, by adding the following definitions:

A. Restaurant - An establishment that serves food and beverage primarily to persons seated within the building. B. Restaurant (Fast Food) - An establishment that offers quick food service, which is accomplished through a limited menu of items already prepared and held for service, or prepared, fried, griddled or grilled quickly, or heated in a device such as a microwave oven. Orders are not generally taken at the customer's table, and food is generally served in disposable wrapping or containers. *(Recommended by the Planning Board)*

## ARTICLE 12

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 11 as proposed by the Goffstown Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article IV, section H, sub-section 1, by deleting the current text and replacing it with "The following are the minimum parking requirements:" *(Recommended by the Planning Board)*

## ARTICLE 13

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 12 as proposed by the Goffstown Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article IV, section H, subsection 1, i, by replacing the current text with the following:

A. Restaurant - One space for every four seats plus one space per employee based on largest shift. B. Restaurant (Fast Food) - One space per 40 square feet plus one space per employee based on the largest shift. On-site queuing space will be required for establishments with drive-up windows. *(Recommended by the Planning Board)*

## ARTICLE 14

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 13 as proposed by the Goffstown Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:  
Amend Article V, sections B4j, B5k and C4i, by changing the frontage requirement from text description to a numerical description.

*(Recommended by the Planning Board)*

*This article will not change the existing frontage requirements.*

## ARTICLE 15

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 14 as proposed by the Goffstown Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:  
Amend Article V, section E4 by adding "g" and F5 by adding "f" with "minimum lot frontage.....50 ft."

*(Recommended by the Planning Board)*

*This article will not change the existing frontage requirements.*

## ARTICLE 16

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 15 as proposed by the Goffstown Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:  
Amend Article V, section C2e by deleting the comma between Stables and riding academies and adding "and"

*(Recommended by the Planning Board)*

## ARTICLE 17

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Hundred Eighteen Thousand Three Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$818,300.00) for the purpose of financing the municipal waste water line expansion into the area known as Mooseclub Park, (Mooseclub Park Road, Circle Drive, Shore Drive, Channel Lane) and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$818,300.00 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33) as amended, and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon, the maturity and the other terms and provisions thereof, as may be in the best interests of the Town. It is the intent of the Goffstown Sewer Commission to repay this bond issuance through a combination of a State Grant, existing fund balance, sewer user fees and by charging a \$5,000 accessibility fee to each property that will be connecting to this lateral. (Two thirds majority required.)

*(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen)*

*(Recommended by the Budget Committee)*

## ARTICLE 18

Shall we modify the elderly exemptions from property tax in the Town of Goffstown, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for person 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$10,000, for person 75 years of age up to 80 years, \$15,000, for person 80 years of age or older \$20,000. To qualify the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 5 years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least

5 years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$18,500 or, if married, a combined net income of less than \$24,500; and own net assets not in excess of \$35,000 (excluding the value of the person's residence). *(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen)*

## ARTICLE 19

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of the closure of the landfill and to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$200,000 for such fund in 1997.

*(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen)*

*(Recommended by the Budget Committee)*

## ARTICLE 20

To see if the Town will vote to authorize and direct the Selectmen to sell the land and buildings known as the "Grange Hall" or the "Grasmere Town Hall" for a consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) or more with preference as purchaser being given to any locally based not-for-profit organization.

*(by petition) (Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen)*

## ARTICLE 21

21.A. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$21,465 for the purpose of continuing the pilot program for youth and family services through a subcontract with the YMCA.

*(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen)*

*(Recommended by the Budget Committee)*

21.B. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$63,000 to purchase land, construct a road and stone wall to expand Shirley Hill Cemetery.

*(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen)*

*(Recommended by the Budget Committee)*

21.C. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$130,000 for the purpose of constructing an addition to the existing Police Facility.

*(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen)*

*(Not recommended by the Budget Committee)*

21.D. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the operation, expenses, and commitments of the Town Government, the budget approved by the Board of Selectmen in the amount of ten million four hundred eight thousand, forty-three dollars (\$10,408,043). Separate Articles 21A, 21B and 21C are included in this amount. Special Articles 17, 19, 22, and 23 are not included.

*(Recommended by the Selectmen)*

*(\$10,151,704 is recommended by the Budget Committee)*

This budget will be predicated by estimated revenues in the amount of four million five hundred forty-seven thousand two hundred ninety-four dollars (\$4,547,294).

Enterprise fund and special revenue fund of one million six hundred twenty-seven thousand, one hundred forty-four dollars (\$1,627,144) are included in this revenue amount and in the appropriations request in this Article.

The motion on the operating budget shall be the following, with only the appropriation amount subject to amendment: "Shall the Town of Goffstown raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$\_\_\_\_\_. Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$10,557,074, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Goffstown or by law or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13 X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only."

**ARTICLE 22**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$130,000) for the purpose of constructing and equipping an addition to the existing Police Station. *(by petition)*  
*(Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen)*  
*(Recommended by the Budget Committee)*

**ARTICLE 23**

We, the undersigned registered voters of Goffstown, request a special warrant article for the \$130,000 Police Station Expansion and request that it be voted upon by the voters of Goffstown by ballot vote on the second Tuesday in April. *(by petition)* *(Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen)*

**ARTICLE 24**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to redistribute the franchise fees received from Continental Cablevision to increase the portion for the local P.E.G. Station, Gtv-40.  
*(Submitted by petition)* *(Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen)*

**ARTICLE 25**

To hear the reports of Town Officers, Auditors and Committees and to pass any vote relating thereto.

**ARTICLE 26**

To transact any business that may legally come before said meeting.  
Given under our Hands and Seal this eleventh day of February, 1997.

**GOFFSTOWN BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Henry C. Boyle, *Chairman*  
Philip A. D'Avanza  
Barbara J. Griffin  
John S. Davis  
Robert L. Wheeler  
Then personally appeared the above named Barbara Griffin, Philip D'Avanza, Robert Wheeler, Henry Boyle, and John Davis and under oath that the above certificate by them is true.  
Marlene Gamans  
*Town Clerk*



# TOWN BUDGET

## UNAUDITED

		1995	1996	1996
		Actuals	Approved Budget	Actuals
<b>TITLE</b>				
<b>FUND: 010 GENERAL FUND</b>				
10001	Town Officers Elected	\$ 58,483	\$ 59,600	\$ 59,579
10002	Administration	568,174	591,929	586,432
10003	Election & Registration	7,184	19,165	20,255
10007	Town Buildings	105,200	111,409	116,769
10009	Advertising & Dues	8,361	8,000	7,191
10015	Planning Board	15,945	19,270	17,589
10017	Legal Expenses	31,683	36,220	36,134
10018	Board of Adjustment	1,887	2,400	2,440
10035	Cemeteries	36,012	50,556	37,110
10043	Updating Maps & Assess	3,879	3,750	3,247
10047	Budget	1,749	2,700	2,001
10110	Police Dept.	1,206,820	1,402,731	1,321,781
10111	Fire Dept.	809,609	864,689	843,673
10112	Communications	340,041	359,141	349,615
10113	Hydrant Rentals	91,136	95,907	96,325
10137	Civil Defense	3,101	3,500	4,466
10221	Street Lighting	51,850	52,950	54,030
10226	Summer Roads	58,753	63,340	57,749
10261	Winter Roads	131,842	120,000	138,225
10262	Equipment	212,050	228,735	217,255
10263	Contracted Services	17,726	32,100	16,387
10236	Public Works Labor	815,794	890,320	884,673
10324	Solid Waste	515,532	567,298	570,207
10406	Town Report	7,160	8,500	8,077
10419	Animal Control	2,896	2,500	2,441
10533	General Assistance	52,616	72,360	29,979
10605	Library	181,991	196,323	196,323
10638	Civic Ceremonies	1,214	1,400	1,357
10639	Parks & Recreation	175,649	185,717	181,841
10645	Historic District Comm.	1,179	2,050	409
10646	Conservation Comm.	2,258	3,161	2,837
10727	TAN Interest	0	1	0
10841	Capital Improvements	1,434,447	2,171,115	2,001,165
10948	Special Articles	152,065	285,765	378,178
11008	Unemployment Comp Ins	3,245	5,300	3,168
11014	Town Insurance	124,857	224,000	141,321
11016	Employee Insurance	428,898	463,740	425,009
<b>Total 010 GENERAL FUND</b>		<b>\$7,661,286</b>	<b>\$9,207,642</b>	<b>\$8,815,238</b>
Special Revenue		30,000	30,000	30,000
Sewer		766,893	1,330,849	1,330,849
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>\$8,458,179</b>	<b>\$10,568,491</b>	<b>\$10,176,087</b>

FUND BALANCE UNENCUMBERED UNAUDITED 12/31/96 \$2,364,485

# 1997 PROPOSED TOWN BUDGET

The Town has changed the system used to track appropriations and expenditures to more accurately reflect the expenditures within each department. As a result of these changes, the old and new listing of accounts will not be directly comparable. It includes items which were previously listed separately within the department to which it is closest, e.g. fire hydrants are now within the fire department and street lights in DPW. It splits Administration into cost centers including Planning, Property Evaluation, Building/Zoning and adds the cost of staff to those centers. It distributes utility and building costs to the department which uses the building. It takes all the insurance costs and apportions them to the department based upon their share of those costs.

This change was requested by the Department of Revenue Administration for the State of New Hampshire. It has been discussed in public meetings and received the support of the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee.

	Selectmen	Budget Comm.
<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>		
Executive/Elected	80,335	80,335
Election/Registration	16,557	16,557
Administration/Finance	432,132	432,132
Valuation of Property	106,517	106,517
Planning Department	146,184	146,184
Zoning/Building	64,560	64,560
Administration Facility	81,801	48,801
Other General Government	12,700	12,700
General Assistance	99,729	99,729
Civic Ceremonies	1,600	1,600
Historic District	2,050	2,050
Conservation	3,611	3,611
Interest on Notes	1	1
<b>Total Administration</b>	<b>1,047,777</b>	<b>1,014,777</b>
<b>POLICE</b>		
Police Administration	1,527,177	1,527,177
Police Facility	120,516	120,516
Crime Investigation	40,430	40,430
Police Vehicles	42,000	45,000
Communications	426,691	426,691
Emergency Management	4,550	4,550
<b>Total Police</b>	<b>2,161,364</b>	<b>2,164,364</b>

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# 1997 PROPOSED TOWN BUDGET

	Selectmen	Budget Comm.
<b>FIRE</b>		
Fire Administration	1,113,840	1,113,840
Fire Facility	55,081	55,081
Fire Vehicles	34,700	34,700
<b>Total Fire Department</b>	<b>1,203,621</b>	<b>1,203,621</b>
<b>PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT</b>		
Public Works Division	1,221,026	1,180,892
Roads and Bridges	299,090	299,090
Cemetery Division	58,645	58,645
Equipment Maintenance	246,950	233,980
Solid Waste Division	628,770	628,770
<b>Total Public Works</b>	<b>2,454,481</b>	<b>2,401,377</b>
<b>PARKS AND RECREATION</b>		
Parks & Rec. Administration	178,281	178,281
Parks & Rec. Facility	32,182	32,182
Parks & Rec. Vehicles	2,440	2,440
<b>Total Parks &amp; Recreation</b>	<b>212,903</b>	<b>212,903</b>
<b>LIBRARY</b>		
Library Administration	232,015	232,015
Library Facility	35,727	35,727
<b>Total Library</b>	<b>267,742</b>	<b>267,742</b>
<b>CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM</b>		
Debt Service/Principal	316,125	316,125
Debt Service/Interest	46,821	46,821
Capital Improvements	855,600	812,365
Separate Articles	214,465	84,465
Special Articles	200,000	330,000
<b>Total Capital Improvements</b>	<b>1,633,011</b>	<b>1,589,776</b>
<b>TOTAL 97 GENERAL FUND BUDGET</b>	<b>8,980,899</b>	<b>8,854,560</b>
<b>1996 APPROVED</b>		
<b>GENERAL FUND BUDGET</b>	<b>9,207,642</b>	
Sewer Bond	818,300	818,300
Special Revenue	30,000	30,000
Sewer	1,597,144	1,597,144
<b>TOTAL 97 BUDGET</b>	<b>\$11,426,343</b>	<b>\$11,300,004</b>
<b>TOTAL 96 APPROVED BUDGET</b>	<b>\$10,568,491</b>	

# REVENUE OTHER THAN PROPERTY TAXES

JANUARY THROUGH DECEMBER 1996

Sources of Revenue	Used for Tax Rate	Budget	Actual (unaudited)	1997
<b>Taxes</b>				
Land Use Change Taxes	\$ 27,000	\$ 27,000	\$ 31,408	\$ 35,000
Yield Taxes	5,000	15,000	7,809	5,000
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	33,623	34,000	33,623	32,000
Other Taxes	27,000	27,000	22,905	27,000
Int. & Pen. on Del. Taxes	250,000	330,000	291,810	250,000
<b>Licenses, Permits &amp; Fees</b>				
Business Licenses & Permits	10,000	11,000	1,701	2,000
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	1,250,000	1,228,000	1,321,307	1,300,000
Building Permits	75,000	55,000	66,397	75,000
Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	60,000	28,500	78,915	61,000
<b>From Federal Government</b>				
Other	30,000	30,071	26,276	117,750
<b>From State</b>				
Shared Revenue	231,602	197,000	197,000	280,000
Highway Block Grant	236,584	230,000	236,584	240,000
Water Pollution Grants	330,239			
Housing & Community Dev.	790,000	790,000	749,980	5,000
Flood Control Reimbursement	0	8,000	0	0
Other	378,600	347,260	463,022	48,400
<b>From Other Governments</b>				
	30,000			70,000
<b>Charges For Services</b>				
Income from Departments	75,000	128,320	96,591	25,500
Other Charges	23,400	63,000	40,826	39,500
<b>Miscellaneous Revenues</b>				
Sale of Municipal Property	16,000		16,265	16,000
Interests on Investments	200,000	190,000	228,762	200,000
Other	50,000	32,400	134,454	76,000
<b>Interfund Operating Transfers In</b>				
Special Revenue Fund	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000
Enterprise Fund				
Sewer	1,000,610	1,330,849	1,330,849	1,597,144
Trust and Agency Funds	14,520	15,000	14,520	15,000
<b>Other Financing Sources</b>				
Proc. from				
Long Term Bonds & Notes				818,300
Fund Balance	110,000			
<b>TOTAL REVENUES &amp; CREDITS</b>	<b>\$5,284,178</b>	<b>\$5,147,400</b>	<b>\$5,421,004</b>	<b>\$5,365,594</b>

## NOTES

# GOFFSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT WARRANT

1997

## THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Goffstown qualified to vote in District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet on Wednesday, the twelfth day of March, 1997, in the gymnasium at Goffstown Area High School, at 7:00 p.m. for the first session of the School District Annual Meeting, also known as the first deliberative session, to act on the following subjects and determine matters which will then be voted upon by the official ballot on Tuesday, April 8, 1997.

You are further notified to meet on Tuesday, the eighth day of April, also known as the second session, to vote on all matters by official ballot. The polls are open on April 8, 1997 at 7:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m. at the Central polling district at the Goffstown Area High School and will open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m. in the Fifth District at the Bartlett Elementary School.

### ARTICLE 1

To choose all School District officers for the ensuing year(s):

To choose a School District Moderator for the ensuing three years.

To choose a School District Clerk for the ensuing three years.

To choose a School District Treasurer for the ensuing three years.

To choose three members of the School Board for the ensuing three years.

To choose two members of the School Board for the ensuing one year.

### ARTICLE 2

Shall the District vote to affirm and be bound by the financial provisions of the first year of a two year collective bargaining agreement entered into by and between the Goffstown School Board and the Goffstown Educational Support Staff, NEA-New Hampshire covering the years 1997-98 and 1998-99, wherein the estimated increased cost for 1997-98, the first year of the contract is ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND EIGHTY-SIX DOLLARS (\$100,086.00) and for 1998-99, the second year of the contract is EIGHTY-SIX THOUSAND FORTY-ONE DOLLARS (\$86,041.00) to cover salaries and benefits; and further to raise and appropriate the sum of ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND EIGHTY-SIX DOLLARS (\$100,086.00) for the purpose of funding only the 1997-98 year of said collective bargaining agreement, or to take any other action in relation thereto. This 1997-98 cost is not included in the operating budget figure in Article #5.

*(School Board recommends this article.)*

*(Budget Committee does not recommend this article.)*

### ARTICLE 3

Shall the District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of FIVE THOUSAND (\$5,000.00) for the purpose of costs associated with the implementation of the provisions of RSA 40:13 (Senate Bill #2), or to take any other action in relation thereto.

*(School Board recommends this article.)*

*(Budget Committee does not recommend this article.)*

### ARTICLE 4

Shall the Goffstown School District accept the provisions of Chapter 298 and RSA 194-C providing for the formation of a COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER WITHDRAWAL FROM the School Administrative Unit (SAU 19).

*(As petitioned by voters)*

### ARTICLE 5

Shall the Goffstown School District raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant, for the purposes set forth therein totaling SEVENTEEN MILLION FOUR HUNDRED SIX THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY-ONE DOLLARS AND TWENTY CENTS (\$17,406,851.20)? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be SEVENTEEN MILLION FOUR HUNDRED THIRTY THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS AND FOUR CENTS (\$17,430,625.04), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Goffstown School District or by law or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS AT SAID GOFFSTOWN ON THIS FOURTEENTH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1997.

Michael York  
Suzanne Tremblay  
Randall F. Benthien  
Pamela V. Manney  
Roger Courtemanche  
Timothy J. Hanson

SCHOOL BOARD

# GOFFSTOWN SCHOOL BUDGET

	1995-96 Actual	1996-97 Approp.	1997-98 School Board Proposed	1997-98 Budget Comm. Proposed
<b>FUNCTION</b>				
1100 Regular Education	\$8,073,519	\$8,677,126	\$9,040,000	\$8,967,564
1200 Special Education	1,278,846	1,504,256	1,774,330	1,774,330
1410 Co-Curricular	184,824	195,415	229,114	229,114
2000 Technology Coord.	0	35,000	35,000	35,000
2112 Attendance Services	0	2	2	2
2120 Guidance	386,603	399,214	427,251	427,126
2130 Health Services	100,687	101,662	107,315	107,303
2210 Staff Development	36,015	30,900	41,553	31,553
2220 Information Services	262,854	283,487	255,226	255,226
2310 School Board	25,193	47,250	24,851	24,851
2313 Treasurer	2,548	2,525	2,525	2,525
2315 Legal	20,758	35,000	50,000	35,000
2316 District Meeting	3,118	3,200	3,200	3,200
2317 Audit Services	3,317	2,800	2,800	2,800
2320 SAU Services	662,017	642,555	670,149	670,149
2410 Administration	737,792	774,320	826,763	779,762
2542 Building Maint.	1,035,967	1,001,011	1,136,207	1,120,452
2543 Grounds Maint.	38,892	22,600	34,777	34,777
2544 Equipment Maint.	27,992	27,500	24,644	24,644
2552 Transportation	608,173	661,656	663,672	663,672
2553 Spec. Needs Transport.	126,150	194,800	219,310	219,310
2554 Field Trip Transport.	12,577	13,000	15,975	15,975
2555 CoCurricular Transport.	35,635	32,500	35,000	35,000
2559 Skill Center Transport.	8,368	25,000	17,186	17,186
2600 GESS Reimburse.	5,092	6,000	6,000	6,000
3000 Athletic Fields	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
4500 GHS Building Survey	0	0	60,000	60,000
5100 Debt Services	1,354,990	1,312,320	1,269,280	1,269,280
5220 Federal Grants	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
5240 Transfer Funds	471,122	550,000	543,550	543,550
<b>TOTAL</b>				
Goffs. School District	<u>\$15,554,549</u>	<u>\$16,632,599</u>	<u>\$17,567,180</u>	<u>\$17,406,851</u>



# GOFFSTOWN SCHOOL REVENUES

	1995-96 Approved	1996-97 Approved	1997-98 Proposed School Board
Unreserved Fund Balance	\$ 140,697	\$ 319,303	\$ 0
Revenue from State Sources			
Foundation Aid	324,978	336,647	426,919
School Building Aid	225,651	226,651	226,651
Area Vocational School	21,440	21,440	20,000
Child Nutrition	11,000	12,854	12,854
Other Catastrophic Aid	25,759	129,168	120,874
Revenues from Federal Sources			
Title I	0	0	0
Child Nutrition Program	92,300	107,751	107,751
Other – Block Grant	50,000	50,000	50,000
Special Needs Programs	0	0	0
Local Revenue Other Than Taxes			
Tuition – Regular	2,017,917	2,218,305	2,554,570
Tuition – Special Education			115,612
Earnings on Investments	8,000	8,000	14,000
School Lunch Sales	367,822	429,395	422,395
Sale of Bonds or Notes	0	0	0
Salaries/Benefits Reimbursable from Other Districts			
Dunbarton			32,797
Manchester			15,602
New Boston			96,681
Prior Year Deficit		(78,876)	
Total School Revenues And Credits	3,285,564	3,780,638	4,216,706
District Assessments	12,231,438	12,851,961	13,350,474
Total Revenues & District Assessment	<u>\$15,517,002</u>	<u>\$16,632,599</u>	<u>\$17,567,180</u>

## NOTES

# GOFFSTOWN'S RECYCLING PROGRAM

For your convenience, we've included this list of recyclables currently accepted in Goffstown's curbside recycling program. You can cut this page out and post it on the fridge as a reminder.

## CURBSIDE RECYCLING

- **GLASS** should be rinsed clean; glass colors can be clear, brown or green.
- **ALUMINUM CANS** should be rinsed clean.
- **STEEL/TIN CANS** should be rinsed clean, leaving no food residue.
- **PLASTIC** can be #1 PETE and #2 HDPE. Please rinse out containers; no bags or containers that held petroleum products such as motor oil.
- **ASEPTIC PACKAGING** such as juice boxes; just make sure they are empty.
- **MILK & JUICE CARTONS** should be rinsed clean; place with mixed paper.
- **CORRUGATED CARDBOARD** is three layered cardboard with ridges as the center layer. The 'shiny stuff' is okay. Cardboard should be flattened and cut down to no larger than 21" x 32".
- **NEWSPAPER** should be placed in a brown paper bag.
- **MAGAZINES** should be put with the newspaper.
- **MIXED PAPER** is a new addition at the curb for 1994. Mixed paper should be placed in a paper bag to prevent blowing away. Mixed paper consists of just about most paper products including junk mail, cereal boxes and twelve pack containers. Materials not acceptable are foil containing products (juice boxes and some beverage containers), food soiled paper such as napkins, blueprint paper, and carbon paper.

## DROP OFF PROGRAM

All of the items accepted at the curb are also accepted in our drop off program at the Transfer Station. In addition to the above, our drop off program accepts the five items listed below.

- **TEXTILES** should be clean, dry and bagged.
- **SCRAP METAL** such as appliances, bikes, etc. are accepted. No appliances that contain, or once contained freon are accepted without certification of evacuation by a licensed refrigerant technician.
- **CLEAN WOOD** (lumber) is a lumber which is not painted, stained or pressure treated. Nails are okay.
- **AUTOMOTIVE BATTERIES** are wet cell batteries; broken cases are not accepted.
- **TIRES ARE ACCEPTED BUT THERE IS A \$1.00 CHARGE FOR CAR AND PICK-UP SIZED TIRES, SLIGHTLY MORE FOR LARGER ONES. COUPONS NEED TO BE PURCHASED AT THE TAX OFFICE BEFORE DROP-OFF. Call 497-4824.**
- **LEAVES and BRUSH** are placed in separate areas at the Transfer Station. Leaves must be unbagged, and brush is limited to 5" diameter.



## TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

### EMERGENCY

FIRE & AMBULANCE SERVICE	911 or 497-3311
POLICE	911 or 497-2232
POISON CENTER	800-562-8236

### TOWN OFFICES

Assessor	497-3611	Parks & Recreation	497-3003
Building Inspector	497-3612	Planning Dept.	497-8991
District Court	497-2597	Police Dept.	497-4858
Finance Dept.	497-3615	Public Library	497-2102
Fire Dept. (Church St)	497-3537	Public Works Dept.	497-3617
Fire Dept. (E. Goffs.)	497-4655	Selectmen's Office	497-8990
Fire Dept. (Pinardville)	622-6713	Sewer Commission	497-8992
Goffstown Village		Support Services	497-3616
Water Precinct	497-3621	Tax Collector	497-3614
Grasmere Village		Town Clerk	497-3613
Water Precinct	497-8346	Transfer Station	497-4824

### SCHOOLS

Bartlett Elementary	623-8088	S.A.U. #19	497-4818
Goffs. High School	497-4841	Special Education	497-4469
Maple Ave. Elem.	497-3330	Special Needs	497-3771
Mountain View Middle	497-8288	Supt. of Schools	497-4818